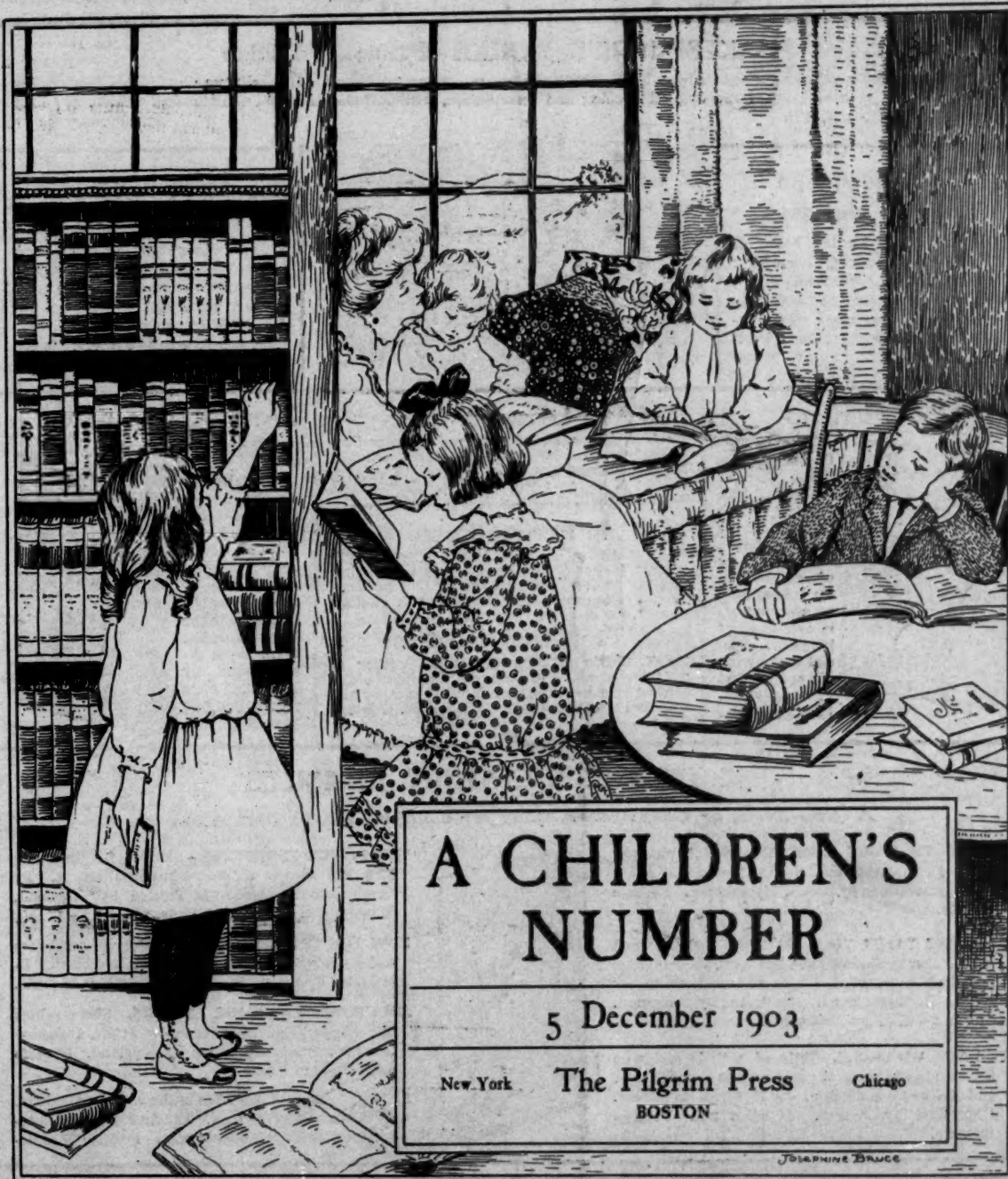


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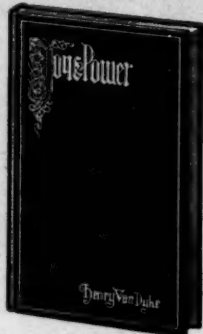
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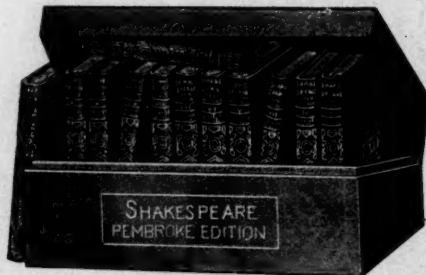
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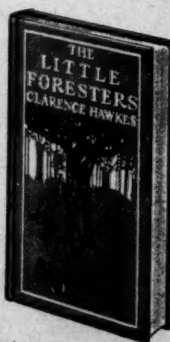
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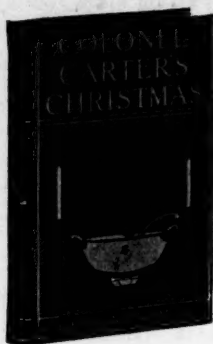
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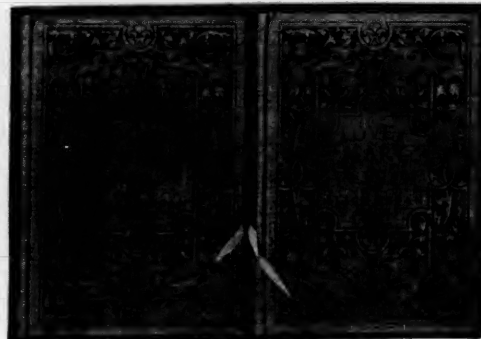
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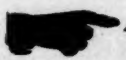
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## Event and Comment

### Religion in Children's Reading

Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke last week addressed an audience of Harvard students on the Bible from the College Man's Point of View. As one of the masters of literature he was especially qualified to speak of the importance of knowledge of the Bible to give a man a broad and thorough culture, but he emphasized most of all the value of the Book as the greatest of moral guides and creators of religious inspiration. Yet few persons know the Bible thus who have not discovered its treasures in childhood. Men whose words have taken the strongest hold on many minds, have testified as Ruskin did, that they learned their choicest lessons at their mother's knees from this sacred treasure house. With this fact in mind, turn to the article on another page in which a father who is familiar with what is regarded today as the best literature for children, gives a list of the books of greatest value for his own children from their first to their fifteenth year. In the whole excellent catalogue only one book has any definite connection with the Bible or with distinctively religious teaching. No doubt this is an unintended illustration of the fact that the religious element as a definite factor in the training of the children is vanishing from many cultured homes as it has from the public schools. The highest and best lessons are conveyed to childhood through parental love and sense of responsibility. What will it mean to the coming generation to be left in ignorance, so far as the home life is concerned, of the stories and precepts and songs that tell of God living with his children, guiding and warning and loving and protecting them?

### The Christmas Box Offering an Assured Success

Up to last Saturday night nearly fifty thousand Christmas boxes had been ordered by over five hundred Congregational churches in all parts of the country which propose to co-operate heartily in this joint undertaking of our six benevolent societies. A response like this so early in the season encourages the projectors of the movement to hope that not less than one hundred and fifty thousand boxes will be placed in Congregational homes in the course of the next fortnight. If each box should ultimately inclose one dollar the aggregate would make a splendid extra offering for our mission work at home and abroad. But in many homes the pennies and nickles dropped during the holiday season will, we doubt not, amount to a good many times one dollar. Some of our largest churches, like Broadway Tabernacle, New York, the First, Waterbury,

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### A Campaign of Education

Another proof that our societies are working together more effectively than ever before is found in the conferences arranged by the committee in charge of young people's missionary work. Thus far this season three gatherings have been held at which the entire circle of Congregational activities was brought to view and the different departments represented by such men as Sec. H. W. Hicks of the American Board, Sec. Don O. Shelton of the Home Missionary Society, Sec. G. A. Hood of the Building Society and Rev. G. W. Moore of the A. M. A. These conferences are schools of methods rather than popular mass meetings and being made up of picked delegates from churches in the vicinage, the attendants go home better qualified to lead the missionary activities of their respective churches. At Woodstock, Ct., for example, eight churches were represented, at Melrose Highlands twenty, while at Syracuse a week ago, fourteen churches of the Central New York Association sent over sixty young men and young women. The next series will be held in February in four leading cities in Michigan, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Lansing, when it is hoped to touch directly or indirectly, 200 churches. The co-operation of the pastors on the ground like that of Dr. Packard of Syracuse and Messrs. Boynton and McLaughlin of Michigan, is a gratifying and essential feature of these meetings. They will help to raise up a new generation of intelligent and enthusiastic supporters of and workers for missions.

### Genuine Liberalism

A speaker at a Unitarian conference west of the Mississippi, recently pleaded that the same freedom of judgment must be allowed to conservative as to progressive methods, and that men who hold conservative religious views must be regarded as intelligently sincere. His position was approved unanimously. If we understand this report correctly, here is liberalism indeed. Many Unitarians nowadays believe that others may differ from them theologically without being either ignorant or hypocritical. On the orthodox side the number increases of

those who believe that many Unitarians really have communion with God. This better understanding of one another, while it may not lead to closer organic relations, will by no means hinder the advance of the kingdom of God.

### Textless Lesson Helps

A notable advance in Sunday school study is being taken in the issue by various publishers of quarterlies and lesson leaves for the coming year without the printed text. This means, especially for older classes, much more than a turning to the Scripture passage in the Bible itself. It means a study of the theme chosen by the use of the Bible instead of a study of disconnected verses printed on a page by themselves. One of the chief weaknesses of the International system has been its insistence that the lesson shall be limited to not more than twelve verses. This is due to the demand of lesson editors and the consent of the Lesson Committee, in the interests of the publishers. Most of the editors fortunately have not been consistent with their stupid theory, but have treated the lesson as a theme rather than as an arbitrary selection of a uniform number of sentences. This new departure, however, will allow and practically require a broader treatment of Bible topics with more evident connection between them. The homily on a text will give way to a reasonable study of the Scriptures. The new issues of textless lesson leaves and quarterlies from the Pilgrim Press are especially inviting both in outward appearance and in the subject matter, particularly in the questions proposed. We hope our Sunday schools will heartily support this new effort of our Publishing Society for better Bible study.

### The Ethics of Plagiarism

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We are receiving from time to time

charges against clergymen in this matter of plagiarism, which lead us much against our will, to believe that it is more common than is supposed. The duty of exposure, by name and by proof, may soon be laid upon us.

**Theologues in Conference** Rev. W. G. Puddfoot, who probably attends as many religious conventions in the course of the year as any other man in the country, pronounces the recent gathering at Rochester, N. Y., of representative students from fifty-two theological seminaries, representing twenty denominations in all parts of the country, one of the most stirring meetings in which he has ever participated. Three hundred and seventy-four delegates were present and vital topics were discussed, while popular platform speakers lent their strength to the program. Formerly when representatives of divinity schools assembled it was under the auspices of the inter-seminary missionary alliance, but that organization has now given way to the Y. M. C. A., through which the seminaries come into affiliation with organized Christian work in educational institutions generally. It certainly is an excellent idea for men preparing for the ministry, to come together not only for fellowship and for discussion of common problems, but to gain that impulse toward Christian service so characteristic of Y. M. C. A. activity, as well as suggestions as to methods of winning men to Christ at home and abroad.

**Observance of Thanksgiving Day** Over most of the country the day was one of crisp, invigorating weather suited to the season. Sports as usual got the attention of the people, but union services in the churches were fairly well attended—better we should say than a few years ago. Many of the clergy improved the opportunity to deal faithfully with what seemed to them errors of policy, national and sectional, and with national perils. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of ancient Trinity Church, New York city, severely denounced the avariciousness and selfishness of capitalists and trade-unionists who ignore the rights of the public. Dr. Newman Smyth of Center Church, New Haven, Ct., dissented from the Administration's policy in dealing with Panama. In foreign capitals, where Americans are wont to assemble for vivification of patriotism amid unAmerican surroundings, the attendance of diners was large and the speeches notable. Mr. William J. Bryan graced the board at the dinner in London, and there as elsewhere made an excellent impression with his eloquence and emphasis on democratic principles. In Berlin the day was made notable by the dedication of the American Church, of which event we write in another paragraph. Detroit, Mich., seems to have had the most remarkable service of any city. Jews, Christians—Protestant and Roman Catholic—and good worldlings united in thanksgiving in a service held in an opera house.

**Another Example of Church Union** Not long ago we described a promising experiment in the union of a Congregational and a United Brethren church in Sherrard, Ill. A somewhat similar union

is announced as having taken place at Salina, Kan. The Congregationalists there had a good meeting house, but no pastor. The United Brethren had an acceptable pastor and a good parsonage. They moved into the meeting house at the invitation of the Congregationalists. A union soon followed. No new meeting house will be built, and no home missionary money is needed, while the community is well supplied with religious privileges, the church inspiring the respect of the people and maintaining its own self-respect by supporting itself. This is one step toward the next revival.

**A Loss to the Distinctively Christian Forces of Japan**

Hon. K. Kataoka, president of the Lower House of the Japanese National Parliament and also of Doshisha College, Kyoto, died at Kochi (his home) on Oct. 31. He was sixty-one years of age.



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Before the end came, which had been anticipated for some days, he was decorated with the Third Order of Merit and the insignia of the Rising Sun. He was a Christian statesman and leaves an honorable record alike in church and state. It is impossible yet to predict who will be his successor as the head of Doshisha.

**A Striking Contrast** When a decade ago Prof. C. A. Briggs was inaugurated at Union Theological Seminary, he maintained in his address that there are three sources of our knowledge of God—man's reason, the Bible, the Church. The address led to the deposition of Professor Briggs from the Presbyterian ministry, and had much to do with the withdrawal by the General Assembly of its indorsement of Union Seminary. Recently Dr. Francis L. Patton, who was one of Professor Briggs's most earnest opponents, was inaugurated as president of Princeton Theological Seminary. In his address he maintained that the materials from which theological science is derived are to be found in three sources, the reason, the Bible, the Church. No one thinks of bringing President Patton to trial for heresy, and the Presbyterian General Assembly will continue to regard Princeton as a bulwark of its faith.

**The Washington Roman Catholic University**

In every Roman Catholic church in the country on Nov. 22, the papal indorsement of the Roman Catholic University in Washington was read. This indorsement creates the duty

of each church taking a collection for the university. The university and its co-ordinated institutions, eleven in number and representing the various brotherhoods and sisterhoods, has endowments and investments now amounting to \$5,000,000. With the churches of the entire country contributing to the university proper, what of the future? A Western United States senator recently looked the plant over, and remarked: "Well, you Catholics must be very sure of the future. You have laid the foundations of one of the most remarkable centers of religious activity in the world." It behooves Protestant denominational education societies, and friends of higher education among Protestants to be alive to what this institution in Washington means.

**Domestic Politics** Ex-President Cleveland has written to Mr. McElway of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, that he is not "able to open his mind to the thought that in any circumstances or upon any consideration," should he ever again become the nominee of the Democratic party for the Presidency of the nation. Attention among conservative Democrats now turns to Judge Parker of New York or ex-Secretary of State Olney of Massachusetts, or Judge George C. Gray of Delaware. In the Republican party there is not the unanimity there was a few months ago for Mr. Roosevelt, and suspicious movements in favor of Mr. Hanna appear in certain quarters, notwithstanding his disclaimer of any desire or willingness to be considered as a candidate. Leadership in the Republican party in New York State still nominally rests with Senator Platt; but at a conference at the White House last week, it is said that President Roosevelt put the real leadership in the hands of Governor Odell, although this is disputed.

**The Nation or the Corporation** The Standard Oil Company has refused absolutely to answer questions put to it by Commissioner Garfield of the Bureau of Corporations in the new Department of Commerce. The corporation is not departing from its past policy in thus challenging law; it is a thoroughly characteristic move on its part; and the public should be glad that the important issue raised is to be fought out with the most rapacious, merciless, anarchistic of the "trusts" as contestant with the Government. If it is defeated then the lesser aggregations of capital united for monopolistic ends will gracefully submit. The situation has potentialities in it, fascinating to contemplate.

**The Chicago Strike Ended** The cars ran again early Thanksgiving morning. Both sides claim the victory, but neither the traction company nor the employees are saying much about it. The company has secured the right to hire and discharge whom it pleases or, in other words, "the open shop." It has promised to arbitrate the question of wages, but on the basis of merit. The result may be the lowering of wages in some instances. This would certainly create discontent, but would give an opportunity for good men to obtain better pay than at present. Poor men would



receive less than now. Concessions are made to the officers of the unions, but the unions agree not to disturb non-union men. No men who have injured property during the strike or tried to prevent non-union men from working through use of violence will be taken back. The company agrees to meet a committee from the men and if possible arrange the hours of labor so that men may at least get in their "day" in fifteen hours instead of nineteen, as in some cases is the case now. The company also agreed to take back the sympathetic strikers, although some of them violated the contract they had signed the week before the strike began. To an outsider it would seem as if, upon the whole, the advantage were with the company, whose officials it is to be hoped will not use it to the injury of the men.

**Decadent Journalism and Gambling**

Journalism and Gambling is as pertinent a text for us as for the London *Sunday School Chronicle*. It says: "Materialism in its most dangerous forms has laid hands on the press (of London). At first one witnessed the efforts of papers to increase their circulation by grotesque competitions with more amusement than anxiety. But of late years these competitions have deteriorated in nature, and have approximated steadily to naked gambling." This is equally applicable to two of Boston's morning newspapers, the *Post* and the *Journal* of today. No one can have thought seriously on the response of the community to the prostitution of fiction and journalism which has been seen in Boston during the past few weeks without realizing that the press in its degenerate and neurotic state is contributing mightily to increase the passion for gambling, not only in Boston but over a wide territory and among the diverse people who read Boston newspapers. The infectious disease is scattered far and wide over New England, by proprietors of papers that once were reputable and high-toned, patrons of literature and guardians of good morals. President Slocum a few years ago is said to have answered the question as to what impressed him most, returning to New England after several years' residence in Colorado, "The degeneration of Boston journalism." Since he uttered those words even lower depths have been touched by some of the morning newspapers of the city.

**Mr. Chamberlain and the Education Bill**

The London *Spectator* thinks that Mr. Chamberlain, by destroying the union of the Unionist party, has killed the settlement reached by the Education Act of 1902; and it is quite certain that if he were to come into power and had to make choice between tariff reform and education under church auspices at public rates he "would not throw tariff reform to the wolves." Undoubtedly the *Spectator* is right, for Mr. Chamberlain is a Unitarian business man not much in sympathy with sacerdotalism or priestly rule. We shall be interested to see what Mr. Chamberlain's bitter opponents among Nonconformists, who oppose his fiscal reform, say to this

admission of *The Spectator*. If its prophecy should come true, some of the Nonconformists who are for free trade and against the Education Act would be in sore straits.

**The Sultan Concedes Reform**

Under pressure the sultan of Turkey at last has agreed to carry out the reform in government in Macedonia which Austria and Russia, as agents for the Christian Powers, have been steadily pressing upon him for some months, his evasions and protestations having delayed summary action by the Powers until this late day, when winter has set in and the difficulty of meeting conditions will be accentuated. Meanwhile, what has Turkey been doing in Macedonia? A. G. Hales, the veteran war correspondent, writing from Sofia to the *London News* early in November, summarized the atrocities thus: 115 villages burned or pillaged; 38,000 persons dead, mainly women and children; 60,000 people homeless and wandering on the mountains; 35,000 refugees in Bulgaria. The Adrianople correspondent of the same journal describes the lust of the Turkish soldiery; the desecration of Christian churches; the connivance of the government officials with the ravaging soldiery; the extinction of Christians and Christianity. And all this has been tolerated because European international relations made bold, prompt, forceful action in dealing with the sultan impossible. The *Daily News* Balkan Fund amounts to about \$10,000. The fund raised in this country as yet is very small.

**The Far East**

On Dec. 5 the Diet of Japan opens; and the Ministry that has been negotiating with Russia so patiently, yet firmly, will have to meet parliamentary as well as popular opposition to further delay in sending Russia an ultimatum. Recent negotiations with respect to Manchuria are said to have led to a thorough understanding between these Powers; but the point at which they deviate is with respect to Korea, and Japan's domination there. Russia has no mind to have Japan control territory and waters which she deems necessary now for the success of all her great effort to gain access to the sea, Manchurian ports having proved impossible as all the year round termini. China has viceroys, not a few, who would covet the opportunity to do battle with Russia, but the Peking officials know the hopelessness of such an attempt, unless in league with Japan. Mr. Sidney Brooks in *Harper's Weekly* of last week, describes—from the standpoint of the English diplomat and man of affairs—the very natural curiosity in England to know just how far the United States is prepared to go in thwarting Russia's policy in Manchuria and Korea; and he reports Americans prominent in the recent Alaskan boundary arbitration as having said openly that the United States "meant at all cost to protect her treaty rights in Manchuria." "At all costs" might mean war. Secretary of War Root and Senator Lodge of the Foreign Relations Committee were in London on the errand he names, and may be referred to by Mr. Brooks.

## Our Children's Number

A small boy had listened patiently to a sermon for half an hour when the rising tide of indignation within him could no longer be stayed, and springing to his feet he cried out, "Mr. Preacher, I am here, too." We doubt if the average boy or girl who looks over *The Congregationalist* from week to week would feel like echoing the remark of the lad in church, for every week we try to think of the army of little people in homes all over the country and to prepare no less than two pages and sometimes three or four of special interest and value to them. But this week we have done something never before attempted by us or by any other religious paper of our class so far as we know. We are making a distinctively children's number. They have the right of way on the cover, in the editorial articles and, in fact, straight through the paper. To be sure we have not forgotten our obligations to the many people who want the history of the week, church news and the standard departments of the paper, but the children will not begrudge their elders the pages more particularly suited to them, for the lion's share of the work on this number has been done in the interest of the children and their parents, teachers and friends. So the old *Congregationalist* makes its best bow to its children, East, West, North, South and beyond the sea. To please them and to serve them is one of our highest ambitions this week and all the weeks that we shall live together.

To specify amid so many attractions the contributions that fit into the special idea of the number is not easy. But inasmuch as we have assembled at our table some of the best writers for or about children and asked them to do their very best, we must call attention to Miss Sophie Swett's charming story, to Mr. Wright's sketch of children he met on his world travels, to Mr. Noyes's little sermon, to Mrs. Foxcroft's article on The Child and God, to Mr. Field's advice about choosing a child's library, to Mr. Rankin's remarks on children's fiction as an introduction to life. Of course, too, the current books of the season for and about children come in for a large share of attention, and Mr. Martin's success in drawing forth from the children expressions of their own views as to the books they like will be noted by all readers of the Conversation Corner.

## Liberty and Its Foes

"For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil," wrote Paul to Timothy. Taken literally or figuratively this statement is not true in the light of all human experience. Men, devoid of covetousness and beyond all need of material wealth or the things that wealth can procure, are, nevertheless, evil in their lives. But broadly speaking it is true that a craving for money, for wealth, for the power that possession of things gives is accountable for quite as much evil in the world as any other passion save lust.

In the light of recent revelations concerning our national and municipal administration of government, and our flotation of corporations, this text of warning of Paul to Timothy is pertinent.

With a vast increase in the capacity of man to make things—and this thanks to science, pure and applied—during the past generation there has been no corresponding gain in man's ethical rectitude or religious certitude. In fact, while the one process has been synthetic or constructive, the other process has been analytic and destructive. To change the figure: Had the two trains been moving in the same direction one might still have been ahead of the other; as a matter of fact they have been moving in opposite directions.

Objective authority waning, it is most natural for the tempted man to make his desires his standards, if the temporal reward be thought large enough. This world being conceived of as the only state man is certain of, "Let us live while we live" is his natural motto. The state being regarded as a human device must accommodate its standards to human desires, such as offices for retainers of politicians and friends of men with a "pull"; and the public treasury perforce becomes a trough for the swine to guzzle in.

Along with increase of prostitution of public office for personal ends—such as is revealed in the drastic report on frauds in the Post Office Department just made public—there has gone a decline of a spirit of liberty, of a disposition of the private citizen to resist evil and to assert individual rights as over against the aggressions of political machines or the state. And so it comes to pass that Mr. R. S. Baker writing in *McClure's Magazine* (December) can say, after his very thorough study of conditions making for and against political and social liberty in our large cities, that, owing to the power of political bosses, captains of industry and officials of trades-unions, the era of liberty for the masses in our large centers of population, at least, has passed away. We no longer are a free people.

There is just one way that the present venality and passion for wealth can be curbed. The power of autocrats whether political or industrial must be broken; thieving public officials must not only be dismissed from the public service, but, as President Roosevelt says, sternly punished; bribe givers as well as bribe takers must be made a criminal class—in Massachusetts they are not, according to a decision of the Supreme Court just rendered; and last, but not least, there must be a spiritual awakening relegating things to their proper place, and putting ideas and ideals—political, social, intellectual and religious—once more to the front.

Prof. William James in his remarkable book, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*, said many suggestive and significant things, but few more striking than this: that the American of today dreads poverty more than unrighteousness. But Paul's teaching was that "godliness with contentment is great gain," and "they that desire to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition."

Rev. Dr. E. R. Craven, secretary of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work of the Presbyterian Church North, has stopped the sale at the New York (and supposedly also at Philadelphia) depository of

the board of Rev. Dr. Henry Preserved Smith's *Old Testament History*, just issued, which the board a few weeks ago had the temerity to advertise as among the season's "best books," but which it now withdraws in response to condemnation by *The Presbyterian* and the *Herald and Presbyter*. So the Presbyterian denomination, like the Roman Catholic Church, has an Index, has it? The *Presbyterian* editorially defends its right to advertise "heretical" books, but insists that the Board of Publication has no right to sell them. How theologically reasonable!

### The Church on Trial

The title of this editorial may be regarded as an offense. We sing of the church,

Unshaken as eternal hills,  
Immovable she stands.

Yet we cannot hide from ourselves the fact that the church does not occupy in the community the commanding importance it had a generation ago. Before the court of public opinion, right or wrong, it is on trial.

Rev. Dr. T. T. Munger, in the current *Atlantic Monthly*, pleads the cause of the church with sane and thoughtful judgment. His argument will not be pleasing to all its defenders. But we trust it will win attention of some who assume the position of judge or jury. As a study of present religious conditions we have seen nothing of like extent more valuable. It is not our purpose here to summarize the article or to controvert points with which we might disagree, but only to emphasize some of its most important positions, which he calls immediate questions.

The organic union of denominations is regarded by many as an object of immediate importance. It does not seem so to Dr. Munger. He sees in such possible union no deliverance from the dangers which beset the church, except as union springs naturally from agreement in fundamental and ruling ideas. Incidentally he thinks the immediate and pressing question for New England Congregational churches—the orthodox and the Unitarian—is, Can the schism of a century ago be healed?

After considerable conference with representative members of both bodies, we are persuaded that it is not believed by most of the leaders in either of them that the schism can be healed at present by any attempt at organic union. Feelings of friendliness and mutual respect are growing, but discussion of union would not only widen the breach between them, it would foster division within both bodies. Dr. Munger's statement is especially applicable here, that more uncharitableness is fostered by divisions within than by divisions between denominations. "Fences," he says, "are no enemy to good neighborhood, but their absence often is." Fuller knowledge of truth, better acquaintance among Christians of different names and philanthropic service shared may promote naturally a union which cannot be forced.

What is and must be believed in order to be in the church is acknowledged by all as one of the immediate questions. The average man, confused by the demand for the reconsideration of inherited and cherished beliefs grows languid in faith, and if pressed to bear witness to things he has begun to doubt quietly

withdraws from the church. On the way to the condition of indifference, where his children will probably find an abiding place, he often fills by some kind of philanthropy the place in his conscience which the church has held.

Dr. Munger would meet this condition by preachers fully controlled by modern ruling ideas. Many preachers, he says, accept the principles of evolution in nature, man and Biblical revelation, and of the divine immanence in all things, but do not have the full understanding and commanding belief in these principles which make their preaching the utterance of profound convictions that must be spoken. The clear-seeing soul, feeling the passion to bring men into the presence of unquestioned eternal truth, into the consciousness of God, will command attention.

Yet many of us who hear various preachers often miss the note of confidence under the impelling power of a divine message, and sometimes feel that the most emphatic defense of doctrines is prompted by half conscious doubt. And some of us are prone to confess that even when we are confident and ready to speak, our hearers are not ready for views of truth which seem to be inseparable from modern knowledge. Yet no sane man will question Dr. Munger's saying that in this transition time the church will not be helped by preachers in doubt concerning some truths giving up great themes that are half true, for trivial themes wholly true. Ethical precepts garnished by anecdotes, by discussions of current literature and classic quotations are not preaching.

The immediate question what to believe is not so important, Dr. Munger thinks, as what the church shall do. Great and vital Christian organizations such as the Y. M. C. A., Christian Endeavor and the Student Volunteer Movement stand for a new conception of society and of human relations which is leading people to feel that their duties to others are equal if not paramount to their duties to themselves. They insist on doing something, and doing good to some one. They organize and discipline themselves into service. These societies make mistakes, but even if they should fail they will have shown the churches where they are and what they must do to save themselves. The churches can carry a heavy load of orthodoxy or heresy if they are evidently doing good. They must set themselves to do it at home and abroad, through education and through missions, deeds of kindness and all works for promoting personal and civic righteousness.

In such discussions as these it is reassuring to remember that to face immediate questions is to look at the darker side of the church. The long look into the past and into the future, with the upward look reveals its permanence. Prophets modern no less than the ancient are moved to preach, and all believers in the kingdom of God are impelled to labor and sacrifice, through travail of soul because they face conditions which are wrong and cry out to be made right. When prophets and workers attain to the position where the people accept their views of truth and do their will they cease to be prophets or workers. One who knows God as his Father and is filled with his Spirit will



find access to the Father through the Son, and whatever his inner perplexities or outward discouragement will give himself steadfastly and confidently to the end of his life to bring in the reign of truth, righteousness and love. This is the coming triumph of the church of Christ.

### The Story-teller in the Bible

Why does classic literature for children include so little that is distinctly religious? One chief reason is that Christians have excluded from religion so largely the literature which children love best, the story. Most of the older Christians of the present generation were trained with a prejudice against fiction. Their teachers held it to be wrong to employ the story to convey religious truth. Fifty years ago the Massachusetts Sunday School Society, of which the Pilgrim Press is the successor, issued a document declaring that "the society would not feel willing to publish narratives that are known to be imaginary, however impressively they might inculcate divine truth." Its board of managers said that "as to books of fiction, they should not once be named." They denounced books whose characters were actual persons, if even the smaller incidents were "colored and arranged to give interest and effect" to the narrative. They said, "Of the publication of such books by this society the managers utterly disapprove."

The reader of this number of *The Congregationalist* has only to compare its accounts of current literature for children with these statements of former managers of the society that publishes the paper to see how great changes have taken place in the views of Christians concerning the value and fitness of fiction. The story-teller has place everywhere in the children's world, but he is still regarded with some suspicion in the field of religion. The time is ripe to use fiction there and to show them its meaning. The story-teller is in the Bible, in every part of it, but he has been pushed into the background by teachers of the Bible, as though he were not quite reputable.

The *Biblical World* for November has a symposium on Myth and Fiction in the Bible. A number of teachers of theology give their views on this subject. All admit that legend and fiction are to be found in the Bible and agree that these are legitimate and important means of imparting religious truth. The parables of Jesus are accepted as stories because the writers of the gospels said they were. Yet there are not wanting persons who think their value would be increased by proving them to be historic facts. The story of the Good Samaritan, so far as appears, was purely a work of the imagination of Christ. Yet in response to the demand of American tourists in Palestine, Syrian guides point out the inn to which the Samaritan carried the wounded traveler.

The stories of the Old Testament do not need to be labeled as parables. But many Christian teachers have yet to learn their full use in imparting divine truth. To attempt to explain the first chapters of Genesis in accordance with scientific facts of comparatively recent

discovery of which the child learns in school, is to confuse his ideas of religion and weaken his confidence in the Bible as interpreting the voice of conscience. To present to him these chapters as the sublime poem of Creation is to open to him the mysteries of the being of God in his world. It will not increase the child's reverence for the Bible to tell him that its trustworthiness depends on evidence that Jonah in the belly of a sea monster wrote a song, which is mainly a mosaic of sentences from the Psalms, some of which were written centuries after Jonah's time. But let the story-teller have his place, tell the child that Jonah stands for God's people fleeing from duty to which they were faithless, and that the monster is Babylon, which swallowed them and let them go forth again, and he will understand the wonderful meaning and message of the ancient story. He will not be deeply impressed by your knowledge or your ability if you tell him he must believe that Job in the agonies of disease sat around with his friends on a heap of refuse and extemporized the magnificent poems ascribed to them. But let the story-teller have his way and the child will be prepared to understand by and by how a soul which trusts in God meets the deepest problems of experience and grows nobler through suffering.

The Bible is a literature as well adapted to the child mind as any of the great classics, ancient or modern, and it surpasses them all, though they are all works of the imagination. But to treat it as a text-book on history, geology, astronomy and other sciences, miraculously prepared many centuries in advance of the time when it could be understood, is to do violence to it and to any tenable theory of inspiration. The Bible is a library revealing the mind of God through prophets who had divine insight and used all forms of literature to make known what they saw. It should be taught to children as prophets spoke and wrote it.

### The Prosperous Wicked; the Unfortunate Righteous

Notwithstanding the philosophy of Job and despite all the teachings of history, every fresh illustration of worldly success on the part of wicked men and of disaster to the rich perplexes many minds. A Napoleon of business corners a market and amasses a fortune in a day. A tragic railway accident removes in an instant an Emma Booth-Tucker. Lingering disease fastens upon an Alice Gordon Gulick, and thousands on both sides the Atlantic ask why these royal women are taken away from interests which so much need their strong, guiding arms. Looking upon a world in which God allows such things to take place day by day we ask why are they permitted, why this seeming success of the wicked and these great apparent reverses to the forces of righteousness.

But it betrays a limited view of life when one is troubled by such painful contrasts. If accurate statistics could be gathered, it would be found, we think, that the righteous prosper relatively no less than the wicked. Who fills our jails, workhouses and hospitals? Are there not as many well-dressed people in a

gathering of church attendants as in the average public assembly? Religion fosters thrift, industry and economy and kindred traits which are the foundations of prosperity. He who promised his disciples that "all other things should be added unto them" never intended that they should fall utterly behind in the race of life and be to a man victims of misfortune and disaster.

It betrays also a superficial view of life to be troubled by these marked contrasts. We do not know our fellowmen well enough to judge most of them by their exterior appearance. The rich have troubles of their own. Who knows what secret sorrow may be eating the heart out of some one who has reached the pinnacle of earthly success and popularity? On the other hand, the poor and they that mourn and the lonely often have peculiar compensations. As Bryant sings,

For God who pities man hath shown,  
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

But the crowning reason why we should not "fret ourselves because of evil doers," is that it is contrary to the precepts and spirit of Christianity to ask or expect that God should provide special exemption for the good and bring speedy punishment to the evil. What a world it would be if Christians could thus command every outward benefit at the hand of Almighty God! In earlier times houses, lands and herds were the mark of God's favor; but Jesus taught that it was enough for the disciple that he should be as his Master. To gauge a man's dearness to his Heavenly Father by what that father does for him in material blessings or spares him from of sorrow, is to lose the entire perspective of the Christian gospel. The one thing God wants to do with us is to make us partakers of his own nature. In this process of securing likeness to himself it has pleased him to use discipline, chastening, defeat, bereavement, as means whereby the earthy, the sensual, the mean and the sordid elements in us are refined away until the pure gold of character remains. If in bringing his many children into glory it pleases him to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering, who are we to crave exemption from the same divine method? Not the prosperous wicked man alienated from God is to be envied, but the unfortunate righteous man, for his very misfortune may be the token of God's loving purpose for him.

### In Brief

It is a good omen that Northern and Southern Baptists are talking of a joint commission to study the Negro problem.

An antidote to pessimism—the accounts in last Friday's papers of what was done by various organizations and individuals to brighten Thanksgiving Day for the poor and friendless.

Some of the Rhode Island clergy refused to read Governor Garvin's Thanksgiving Day proclamation because he did not explicitly recommend church attendance on that day. The governor says that he omitted to refer to the matter because it was so obvious and customary.

Dr. Gunsaulus writes to *Zion's Herald* letting it be known that Methodist institutions of learning need not look his way for presi-

dential timber. He is pledged to his present work; and while not unmindful of all that Methodism did for him and means to him, now that he is a Congregationalist he lets it be known that he is anchored.

Dr. McElveen has the reputation of marrying more young folks than any other Boston minister. The night before Thanksgiving he joined six couples, which strikes us as a creditable record. Mrs. McElveen surely had something to be thankful for, to say nothing of the persons most interested. And perhaps it is not strange that Shawmut Church is attractive to young people.

Six ministers within a few weeks have been called to pastorates of Congregational churches in Greater Boston. Three of them had their theological training in Methodist schools, one in a Presbyterian, one graduated from Hartford and one from Andover Theological Seminary. It has been a long time since the majority of Congregational pastors had their training in Congregational schools.

In the efforts of the Watch and Ward Society of Boston to purge the bookshops of the city from obscene literature, arrests have been made and a court will have to pass upon the decency or indecency of some of Boccaccio's works. Interviewed by a Boston *Herald* reporter, one who is described as proprietor of the leading bookstore of the city, is reported as saying that "nine-tenths of the clergymen of Massachusetts possess copies of Boccaccio." Notice!

The cosmopolitan character of Boston and its political, religious and social problems may be inferred, without further comment, from study of the names of candidates for the school committee controlling its public schools, from which candidates the citizens will elect next week. The old English stock is represented by such names as Bean, Burrill, Capen, Crosby, Davis; the Irish, by Keenan, Kennealy and Sullivan; Welsh by Morris; Italian by Badaracco; German by Freitag and Sonnabend; and French by Dreyfus.

President Andrews of Nebraska University recently took President Roosevelt to task for his advice to Americans to rear large families. President Eliot of Harvard comes to the defense of President Roosevelt. In a talk before Cambridge artisans last week he contended that there is no really healthy, happy life but the married life, and he urged early marriage and a good sized family. Is not this a gospel which must alter somewhat with the sort of audience addressed? There are those to whom a preachment on fecundity is pertinent; to others it is more than impertinent—namely, an evil.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, addressing the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. at its jubilee last week, said that he believed that the Y. M. C. A. has done more to unite the Protestant churches of Great Britain and the United States than any other agency. His analysis of the situation is, that the Y. M. C. A. by its exemption from ecclesiasticism and its adaptation of method to end can do work which the church cannot do, and need not try to do, the church reserving for itself the task of inspiration, and the Y. M. C. A. and the other agencies which have grown up around the church doing the work.

The *Pilot* has done injustice to Rev. T. P. Prudden, in interpreting his speech before the Boston Union Conference meeting, as implying that any citizens of Boston are "heathen" because they are foreign born or because they are Roman Catholic. His reference to heathendom in Boston was not connected with his analysis of its population, and the heathen he had reference to were the irreligious, whether native born or foreign born, nominally Protestant or nominally Roman Catholic. Two of Boston's former reputable dailies have become so "yellow," and their reports are so

inaccurate, that it is quite unsafe for opinions as to men or opinions to be based on anything reported in them.

The following cablegram just received by the American Board must touch many hearts and we hope open many pocket-books. It comes from Rev. Edward B. Haskell and is dated Ristovatz, a town close to the borders of Servia, Macedonia and Bulgaria:

Severe winter makes call for relief strenuously urgent. Although enfeebled by insufficient food people have no bedding but their summer garments. Living in straw booths among ruined villages on cold mountain sides many die of pneumonia. Mortality increasing fast. English funds inadequate. I beg beloved Fatherland to come to the rescue.

Wealthy Georgians were convicted last week of turning Negroes into peons. Louisiana planters have filed the following notice on the United States marshal who is making investigations along the same line in that state:

Sir: The part taken by you recently in this community makes it necessary for you to find a home in some other state besides Louisiana. The white people do not propose being annoyed by your kind of cattle. Take warning.

Not so think and act such progressive Southerners as Professors Mims and Bassett of Trinity College, North Carolina. May their tribe increase!

For many years home missionaries unable to subscribe for *The Congregationalist* have received it free through the generosity of contributions to our Home Missionary Fund. We still maintain this fund and desire to increase it, but a broader fund is needed to send the paper to the reading-rooms of struggling colleges and Y. M. C. A.'s, to retired missionaries grown old in the service, and to many whose appreciation of the paper runs far in advance of their purse strings. Appeals like these we dislike to refuse, and their frequency prompts us to make the same offer which we make respecting the Home Missionary Fund, namely to double every contribution received. One dollar and a half contributed either to the Home Missionary Fund or to the Special Call Fund will give some lonely person a "Merry Christmas" for a year.

## The House Beautiful

BY REV. E. M. NOYES

A SERMON TO BOYS AND GIRLS

Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.—1 Cor. 6: 19.

Once upon a time there was a boy who had a rich and kind friend, who built for him a beautiful house. It was a very wonderful house, with many curious inventions to make it comfortable. It was heated by little pipes hidden in the walls everywhere, and no matter what the weather was outside it was always the same temperature within the house. And this was self-regulating, so that the owner had no thought about it at all. Summer and winter the warmth was always just the same. Then there was a telephone reaching to every room, so that the owner could sit in his library and reach all parts of the house instantly. One of the strangest things about it was that this house repaired itself. If a shingle or one of the clapboards came off, or any other part was weakened, a new part came at once to take its place, and so cunningly did it fasten itself on that you could not see where the place had been mended.

All the house was wonderful, but there was one room that was most marvelous of all. This was at the top of the house, under the dome, a large room, with stained glass windows and walls covered with most beautiful paintings. And these paintings were constantly changing, so that you could sit there hour after hour and see these glorious pictures come and go one after another. And if you wished to see one of them again all you had

to do was to let your thought be known and there it was again before you.

When all was ready, the boy moved in, and for a time was very proud and happy. But by and by he grew careless about the care of his house, and sometimes he invited in friends who were even more reckless. And one night, as they were feasting and carousing, they went up into the great room under the dome, and in their tipsy revels some of the paintings were torn, and the windows were broken, and the walls were streaked with stains of dirt from their soiled fingers, so that the great room was left in sad disorder and confusion. How do you think the man who built the house for the boy felt, when he saw it abused in that fashion?

I am sure that you have read my little parable before this. The house is the body, which our wise and kind Heavenly Father has given you. The heating apparatus is the blood, carried in the little pipes of the veins and arteries all over the body. No matter how hot or cold it is outside, the blood is always the same temperature, and you never think about regulating it. And you could not, if you tried. The nerves are the telephone system, carrying the messages from all parts of the body to the brain and the spinal cord and back again. And this body is always repairing itself, growing new skin to take the place of that you lost when you fell down yesterday, and even making new bone when a leg or arm is broken, fastening the parts together as strong as before.

And the room under the dome, that is the brain, with its windows of thought and the beautiful pictures of the imagination coming and going. Memory is the power that brings up again the lovely pictures that have delighted us. And when you grow careless and welcome sinful thoughts, then every vile and evil imagination leaves a stain behind it. What a shame that the room that God made so beautiful should have great black stains on its walls, and its windows broken and dirty, and be full of disorder and confusion!

How do you think God feels when he sees this house beautiful abused? Every impure thought, every selfish choice, every hateful word and angry feeling leaves its mark upon the walls. And we should be in pretty bad case if God left us alone with this house beautiful, should we not? But the blessed thing is that he doesn't. He comes to the door of the house, and asks to be let in. We confess with shame and sorrow that we have not taken good care of his house. What does he do then? Go away and leave us in disgust?

Ah! No, indeed.

He offers to cleanse the house and replace the broken windows and to keep out the dangerous friends that get us into trouble by coming in to dwell with us himself. And they are afraid of him, and won't trouble us, if he stays. And he brings with him provisions for a continual feast, and wisdom and joy to make the house beautiful a center of light and happiness. Then the house becomes filled with song, and all who see it wonder at the light that shines forth from the windows and at the sweet music that they hear as they pass.

Now what are you going to do with your beautiful house? You cannot keep it yourself; you do not wish to entertain guests that will spoil it. Open your heart to him who made you, that he may come in and fill your life with peace and beauty and joy.

That must have been a delightful Thanksgiving service in St. Louis when all the local Congregational churches came together to celebrate the pledging during the last six months of \$21,600 to wipe out the debts on the churches and to increase their equipment. While other cities have been talking about a forward movement St. Louis has gone ahead nobly and done something worth while. It will put new vigor into local Congregationalism and promote a sense of unity such as no amount of theorizing on the subject could produce.



## Children Whom I Have Seen the World Around

By Fred B. Wright

[In 1900 the author of this article with his father, Prof. G. Frederick Wright of Oberlin, made a tour around the world. Their principal purpose was to investigate the glacial phenomena of Eastern and Northern Asia and Northern Europe, but along with their scientific observations they did an unusual amount of sight-seeing. This piquant account of the little people found in out-of-the-way corners will serve to show how like, as well as how unlike, boys and girls in distant lands are to American children.—EDITORS.]

All children are interesting some of the time, and a few children are interesting all the time. Furthermore all chil-

ball and making mud pies were other games which I noticed everywhere. As in this country, the dirtiest ditch always furnished the best material for pies.

Kindergartens are beginning to flourish among the Japanese in an interesting way. A number are managed by purely home talent without any foreign aid. I found that I could understand a kindergarten animal story in Japanese almost as well as in English (for animals speak one language everywhere).

In China I had considerable difficulty in getting pictures of children and girls. Around the seaport cities the superstition that when you take a photograph of a child you get its soul into the camera is strong. In the more interior cities and small towns where the use of a camera is unknown, the curiosity of the people draws them around you so quickly and in such a crowd that a picture cannot be taken, while the little girls and women run at the first sight of a man with a suspicious-looking box.

At Peking I found a little boy willing to pose for his picture, and whose mother, a Christian, was glad to fix him up. I

Usually the sleeves are made long enough so that they can be shaken down to cover the whole hand and dispense with the use



"Dado"

dren are dirty some of the time, and some children are dirty all of the time. Out of these classes I have selected the subjects of the following incidents and their accompanying pictures.

From what I had read I went to Japan expecting to see children who seldom played and never laughed. But one of the first sights to greet my eyes was a group of little girls playing tag, and laughing and yelling in such a manner as entirely to upset my preconceived ideas. Some were tending the baby by carrying it on their backs, and often the load was half as large as they. Playing toss



Armenian kindergarten children. The one to the right kissed Mr. Wright's bee sting to make it well

had seen the little fellow with his hair done up in five pigtails, which stuck out in as many different directions from his fat, round head. For some reason his mother preferred two, and so, as you see in the picture, two it was, one behind, and the other standing straight up from the top of his head. I did not learn the boy's name, but the gentleman developing my pictures nicknamed him "Dado," and as "Dado" he will be known, until as a future Li Hung Chang his name appears in all the papers.

Every place in China where we dismounted from our mules or spent the night, a crowd of boys and men would gather around us. A black shoestring with brass tips given to a little boy at one place soon appeared as an addendum to his short cue. And he would have strutted around with his hands in his pockets, if he had had any pockets, and been an American boy.

The dress of the boys varied from Nature's best to heavily wadded garments.



Russian peasant girl bringing a jar of sour milk to a steamer landing at the banks of the Amoor river

of mittens. Loose baggy pants tied around close at the ankle are always in good style. The additional string, rope, or cloth braided into the cue is as important as a necktie is in this country.

In a Catholic town which we visited on the Mongolian frontier I found a man who seemed to be a sort of Rip Van Winkle of the region. From his tattered clothes and careless happy-go-lucky face it was evident that the troubles of this world made no impression on him. He and the boys had plenty of time to be "took," and wanted to be "took" several times.

When it came to photographing the little Chinese girls my real troubles



Two Korean boys at Yussanpook



Asiatic girl in Tashkend

began, and many of my attempts at them resulted in indistinct flying visions. However, at some of the Christian settlements I was able to take satisfactory group pictures of the school children. At Kalgan the girls, only part of whom are from Christian families, posed for me. They were about as bright a set of children as you can find in any country, part with small, and part with natural sized feet. They are standing in front of their school building, which was destroyed by the "Boxers" three weeks after the picture was taken. On another occasion I induced two Catholic Chinese girls to stand still a minute for me. Both were solemn at first, but before the snap was made one of them got the giggles, for which I was not sorry.

In the northern part of Manchuria the people seemed less suspecting, and my success with women and children was better. Outside a well-to-do Manchu farmer's house I saw two old women with two boys near them, while the little girl stood off at one side. It was painfully evident that she was of no account—just a girl.

I did not visit Korea, but at Vladivostok I saw a little Korean boy, dressed in white duck (?) with an old four-in-hand tie some foreigner had thrown away, fastened around his body just below his armpits. Not knowing whether it was a necktie or a belt, he split the difference.

When walking along one of the streets outside of Vladivostok I saw a little girl and, although I supposed that she was a Russian, I said, "Hello." To my surprise she said, "Good morning." Turning around, I asked her how she knew

The Russian peasant children, especially the little girls, whom we saw in Siberia, looked as if part of the elements of girlhood had been lost to them. This was largely due to their long dresses, which

little soliciting of trade. We had to ask for what we wanted.

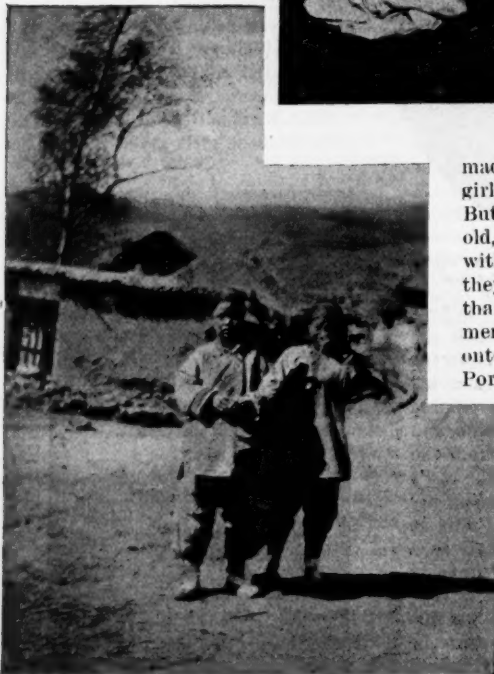
One day on the Yenisei river a little girl came down to the steamer with two live geese for sale. While the steward



A Rip Van Winkle on the Chinese-Mongolian border



Playing Jackstones in Turkistan



Chinese Christian girls—a case of giggles

made them appear like our little girls when they play "grown up." But beside this their faces have an old, serious expression compared with most children. In general they were more quiet and demure than our young Americans. I remember one little girl who came onto the train, as we were leaving Port Arthur, to sell bread. She was so bashful that we could not even learn from her its price. However, several Cossacks came to her assistance. I could not make the exact change, but was glad to give her a few *kopeks* (two *kopeks*, one cent) extra, in gratitude for which she almost smiled.

At every village or wooding station where our steamer stopped along the Siberian rivers a crowd of

English. She said, "We are Americans." I asked, "Where are you from?" She replied, "From Oregon, sir." I inquired for the rest of the family, and took a snap shot of part of them.

peasants thronged the bank to greet us and sell their produce. Most prominent among them were the women and little girls with bottles of fresh milk or jars of sour milk and curds. There was but

was feeding one it flew away across the river. There were no tears shed. She took her loss as calmly as a Wall Street speculator would a relatively equal catastrophe. However, she tightened her grip on the remaining fowl.

At one wooding station I saw a woman, with her baby, walking up and down in front of her home. Just behind her was a little half-dressed tot, about five years old, carefully carrying a stick of wood in her arms and singing it to sleep. Later, she laid it down on a bed of leaves, more tenderly than ever a fine wax baby was put to bed, and with as much motherly care as the most precious flat-faced rag doll was ever tucked in for the night. Evidently her imagination was as vivid as any more enlightened child's.

Lest any one should think from what I have said that Russian peasant children never laugh or have a good time, I introduce a few pictures to the contrary. As happy a set of boys as I ever saw were those washing wool on the Yenisei river at Minusinsk. Another case of unalloyed happiness is seen in the picture of a Russian boy and his sister mounted on their donkeys. These children were living at a post station in the Steppe region, south of Semipalalinsk, central Asia. Before I was ready to take the photograph the girl's donkey got away, and it took a long hot chase to capture him.

In Turkistan I often saw the children playing a game very similar to our jackstones, some of the smaller joints from the sheep being used in the place of stones.

The Khirghiz Tartar children with their semi-Russian dress, their fine white teeth and hair done up in many braids were of constant interest to me as we drove through their country. The little boys always seemed to be having a good time, especially among the nomad tribes, where they were seen riding horses, camels, steers, or cows with equal ease.

When we reached the large Moham-medan Sart cities of Turkistan—Vernui, Tashkend and Samarkand—we found the





Chinese schoolgirls at Kalgan

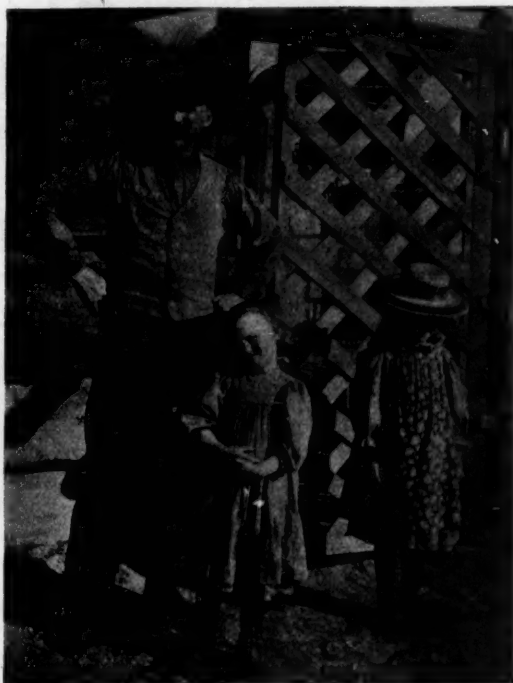
children in about as unfavorable an environment as our children of the slums. The boys, however, do not seem to have a hard time when compared with the girls. The few glimpses which I had of the latter when they peeped out from under their heavy black veils were far from pleasing. One small girl I did induce to unveil herself and let me take her photograph as she stood in front of the house holding her small brother. There was nothing in her face to make one think that she ever had smiled or ever hoped to.

Leaving the Russian possessions I want to show you a few children living under the Turkish flag. At Mary's fountain in Nazareth I saw a child's revenge which is worth telling. There was a crowd of women and small girls waiting to fill their jars with water. One little girl was crowded out of her place by a larger girl behind her. Sneaking off to one side, and taking the little water there was in her jar, she made a nice "juicy" mud ball, climbed onto the wall which surrounds the fountain and waited till the usurper reached the fountain. Then she threw the ball of mud so that it struck on the stone wall above the spigot and splashed back in her opponent's face. Satisfied with her sweet revenge she fell into line and cheerfully waited her turn.

In and around Trebizond on the south shore of the Black Sea I saw a great deal of the children. Two little gypsies on the Turkish Military Road attracted my attention one day. They with their family had walked a good many hundred miles from the central part of Asia Minor. When we saw them the little girl was industriously knitting, while her lazy brother played with his stick, and teased his sister, and shuffled along through the dust with one sock up and one sock down, dirty and happy-go-lucky.

At the other end of the social scale I saw a good deal of the better class of Armenian children who were attending kindergarten at Dr. Parmelee's house in Trebizond. These children greeted me by singing in English a "Good Morning" song, after which we were friends. One day during their noon recess I went into the basement to watch them. They invited me to join their circle and play

kindergarten. On finding out that I did not understand Armenian they began to talk to me in Turkish, which was equally unintelligible. I joined their circle however and of course had to be examined, as



Americans at Vladivostok

they are at regular kindergarten, in regard to cleanliness. My hands were carefully inspected, then the teacher climbed on to a chair and examined my ears. A second search for dirt under my finger nails brought to light a sensation. I had to stand up for "five minutes."

After my punishment, which was shortened to one minute, I was asked to tell them some stories. I told several in pantomime, the last one being about a bee and proving very effective. This bee did many curious things and finally stung my cheek, which swelled up and apparently gave me great pain.

All enjoyed it greatly but one little girl, who took it all seriously. She crawled down off from her chair, came over to me, climbed slowly up on my knee, then suddenly put her arms around my neck, kissed the bee sting and shot like lightning to her seat. The cure was instantaneous.

I have now introduced you to a few of my young friends around the world who will be the rulers, the business men, the ladies and the beggars of the next generation. From all these children and others I have seen in different lands my conclusion is that everywhere a girl's a girl and a boy's a boy.

### A Sanctuary for Blind Babies

The Boston Nursery for Blind Babies is doing unique and valuable work for the blind children of the poor. The attention of Miss Bertha M. Snow, the superintendent, was directed to the urgent call for such an institution whose sole object should be the care and training of blind children under five years of age, while she was serving as primary teacher in the Hartford Institution for the Blind. During her preparatory investigating tour through the tenements of Boston she came across a little colored boy locked up in a damp sub-basement during his mother's absence at her work. Through the dirty window she could see him rocking his small body to and fro or standing with his head thrown back, waving his little bony hand before his eyes and smiling at the shadow it made, for he could just discern the light, while he sang in a sweet, thin voice, "I's Mammy's li'e Alabama coon."

This was the nursery's first inmate, for his mother was eager to be relieved of the burden; but it was only one instance of many and during the two years and a half of the institution's history thirty-six of these little unfortunates have been cared for at the nursery through the voluntary contribution of friends. But the work has now grown to such a size that it has been deemed wise to organize The Blind Babies Aid Society with an annual membership fee of a dollar. Miss Snow will be glad to correspond with members of mothers' clubs, church societies, and women's clubs of all kinds with regard to the matter. Her address is Miss Bertha M. Snow, superintendent Boston Nursery for Blind Babies, 66 Fort Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.



Mounted Russian children south of Semipalatinsk



### Grandmother and Me

Grandmother, dear, is a very old lady,  
Grandmother, dear, can't see,  
But when she drops things or loses her spec-  
tacles,  
Grandmother's eyes are — *me*.

Grandmother, dear, is a very old lady,  
Sometimes she never hears,  
But I always run when the postman comes  
ringing,  
I can be grandmother's ears.

Grandmother, dear, likes houses all tidy,  
Everything dusted and neat,  
So I work with my little red broom and my  
duster;  
I can be grandmother's feet.

Grandmother, dear, is a very old lady,  
Can't walk, and can't hear, and can't see.  
You never could tell, though, the fun we have  
playing —  
Grandmother, dear, and me.

*Written for The Congregationalist by Carolyn S. Bailey.*



## Polly's Business Bump

By Sophie Swett

Aunt Jane smoothed her hair and her apron and made one of the twins get down from the back of her chair and gave the baby to Polly to hold before she opened the letter that Tommy Higgins, their next door neighbor, had brought from the post office. She said she always felt almost as if the minister and his wife had come to tea when she got a letter from Cousin Mary Olive Tidd. Cousin Mary Olive had gone away from Dumpling Hill to keep a shop in Poppleton when she was a young girl. Every one thought she ought to teach school because she was a minister's daughter, but she said she had a business bump and the Lord meant you to do what you could.

Polly's heart had thrilled at sight of the Poppleton's postmark. She thought that the letter might be an answer to the question that every one was asking, "What shall be done with Polly?" She was an orphan and Dumpling Hill farms bore scanty crops and all her relatives, like the old woman in the shoe, had so many children they didn't know what to do.

Aunt Jane opened the letter and read it aloud and this was every word there was in it:

*Dear Cousin Jane:* I know you have enough to take care of without Polly, so you may send her to me and I will do well by her if she has a business bump. If she hasn't I don't want her and shan't keep her. Yours truly,  
MARY OLIVE TIDD.

Aunt Jane said she didn't see how any

one could expect a twelve-year-old girl to have a business bump. And the tears came into her eyes; for the letter did not sound to her as if Cousin Mary Olive would be kind to Polly.

Caddy, the twin with a freckle (not even the twins' own mother could have told them apart if it had not been for that freckle on Caddy's nose) began to cry because she thought it meant that Polly was going to get a bump like the one that little Jeremiah had on his forehead from falling downstairs; and little Jeremiah stepped on the kitten's tail in his haste to hold Polly by her skirts so she couldn't go away and made the kitten growl and spit. Ponto, who was the kitten's particular friend, began to bark wildly and there was a great uproar, above which Polly was heard to say, calmly:

"Mr. Tilden, the storekeeper, said that I had a business bump when I sold my white turkey's eggs for seven dollars and twenty-nine cents. So I am not afraid to go to Cousin Mary Olive!"

And then Aunt Jane wiped away the tears from her motherly eyes and only said she was glad that Polly had a brand-new blue cashmere dress to wear.

Three days afterwards Polly set out for Poppleton with her purple pig bank in her trunk, with the seven dollars and twenty-nine cents all in it. Aunt Jane would not let her pay her fare out of it; she seemed to feel, as did Polly herself, that it was a proof of the business bump

without which Cousin Mary Olive Tidd would not keep her.

She was put in charge of Deacon Lufkin, who was going to Poppleton on business, but he had time only to show her the way to the street where Cousin Mary Olive lived and she had to find the shop alone. But that was easy—easier than it was to find courage to open the door, with one's heart going thumpity-thump!

A little bell jingled when at length she did open it and Cousin Mary Olive came hurrying out from an inner room. She scowled, but Polly tried to remember that people sometimes scowl only because they are nearsighted, and the creases of her double chin really looked pleasant.

"I am Polly Whitcomb and I am pretty sure about the business bump," said Polly.

"You had better be if you are going to live with me!" said Cousin Mary Olive promptly. "But you are too small for twelve! How will you look behind a counter?"

"Perhaps I shall grow," said Polly hopefully.

She felt like crying, but she kept back the tears and used her eyes to look about her, which is always the better way. And she saw that it was a pleasant, old-fashioned house behind the shop, and in the garden the grass was every bit as green and the sky was just as blue as it was on Dumpling Hill. And she said to herself that of course one could be happy where



the grass was green and the sky was blue. And when you have found that out you are really quite wise.

"I find I must go to the city to be with my brother Nahum at the hospital sooner than I thought," said Cousin Mary Olive when she had read a letter at the breakfast table, the next morning. "I meant to have about a week to show you how to keep a shop before I left you alone in mine, but now you will have to do it without any teaching. If you have a business bump you can, and if you haven't, why I shall find it out and you can go back to Dumpling Hill. Hannah Shea, who washes and cleans for me, will do the housework and stay with you nights, but mind you don't let her go into the shop! Some people would think I was crazy to trust a twelve-year old girl there, but it has kind of come about in the way of Providence that I should and I guess it is meant that I should find out about that business bump of yours! I found out, last night, that you could measure and make change and the prices are marked on everything. You may go ahead and keep the shop just as if it were your own. My customers are all good, honest people, anyway, and I don't keep anything to entice children."

"No ma'am," said Polly, with a little touch of sadness. For when she had walked up and down the street, the afternoon before, she had seen in the window of every other shop like Cousin Mary Olive's some bright and tempting displays for the children. Not a doll, nor a toy in Miss Tidd's! Polly thought it looked lonesome.

Now there is no better cure for homesickness, nor indeed for heart-sickness of any kind, than to have something to do that needs to be done with all one's might. And Polly felt sure that it would take all there was of a twelve-year-old girl from Dumpling Hill to keep a shop on the main street of Poppleton. Her heart fairly danced for joy when Cousin Mary Olive said that she might keep it just as if it were her own.

All went well but it was not very lively to sell spools of thread and yards of cambric all day and she longed to be in the little shop almost opposite whose windows, gay with ribbons and toys, drew a crowd of children as soon as school was out.

One day the "drummer" came from whom Cousin Mary Olive was accustomed to order goods. Cousin Mary Olive had told her to look carefully into the boxes and see just what was needed and order only that. Polly felt that this

was the time to show whether she had a business bump or not. But when the drummer brought in, from his great, gayly-painted wagon at the door, a box with three beautiful dolls in it she heaved a long, long sigh. She could see just how those dolls would look in the window if she only had a chance to dress them! For Polly had a knack at dressing dolls. You should see the corn-cob sailor boy and the rag Dinah that she had made for the twins! Whenever they had a fair at Dumpling Hill Polly dressed all the dolls.

After the drummer had gone she found one of the dolls lying face downward on a pile of cambrics. He went in a hurry and must have let it fall out of the box and put the cover on again without observing it. Polly ran to the door with the doll but the gayly-painted wagon was

heap. She dressed the doll as a shepherdess; there was a beautiful piece of pink silk with tiny rose buds. The minister's wife at Dumpling Hill had showed her how to dress a shepherdess.

The shepherdess was so pretty, with her looped-up, puffy skirts and a pink hat upon her yellow head, that Polly couldn't help putting her in the window for the children to see. Cousin Mary Olive had not said that she would not have a doll in her window but only that she would not have one sold over her counter. She had told Polly to keep the shop just as if it were her own! And Miss Dinsmore said that she didn't think it would do the least harm to put a doll in the window.

The wonderful news spread quickly that there was a doll and the very prettiest doll that ever was seen in a Poppleton shop in Miss Tidd's window, and a crowd gathered as soon as school was done—a crowd that cheered the heart of the lonely little shopkeeper. She said to herself that she should not mind smashing her purple pig bank when the drummer came again, the doll had been such a comfort.

It was hard to have to say to wistful little girls who brought their mammas that the doll was not for sale; she could so easily dress another one—or even one apiece—for the Dumpling Hill twins when the pig bank was broken! But there was a queer and cheering thing about the crowd at the windows and the coming of the mammas. They bought something if they could not buy the doll. Polly was kept so busy that she had scarcely time to breathe. Trade increased so that little Miss Dinsmore came

in to help in the evening when her poor eyesight would not allow her to sew.

"I guess she won't doubt that you have a business bump when she sees the money drawer!" Miss Dinsmore said.

But one day—the very day before Cousin Mary Olive was to return—Polly did a very unbusinesslike thing. A little lame girl came in for the third time to see the doll.

"I can't get her by the window," the little girl's older sister said, "she has taken such a fancy to that doll!"

Her crutches humped up her little shoulders and her face was pale and drawn with pain, and Polly, as she said afterwards to Miss Dinsmore, simply couldn't stand it. When she handed the doll to her she said gently, "Take her! you may have her for your own."

"Cousin Mary never said that a doll should not be given away over her counter," she told Miss Dinsmore.



out of sight. "I will put it away until the next time he comes," she said to herself. "But he said it was only sixty-five cents! I wish I could buy it to send to one of the Dumpling Hill children!"

As many as a dozen times that day Polly opened the box in which she had put the doll and took a long, wistful look at it. When little Miss Dinsmore, the dressmaker next door, came in, she showed it to her feeling that it was too important a matter to keep to one's self.

"I would buy it if I were you; it is very cheap at sixty-five cents, and it would amuse you to dress it. Come into my house, after you close, to-night, and I will give you some beautiful pieces of silk. I have a whole heap up in my attic," said the dressmaker.

That was one of the nights when Polly closed at seven and she spent a delightful evening picking over the pieces of silk in Miss Dinsmore's great, rainbow-hued

"O, you foolish child! You have spoiled your chances!" cried the dressmaker. "Miss Tidd would have liked to have a doll dressed so that it would draw custom like that one. But to give it to that child! Why, her mother was Abby Fosgate, who treated Miss Tidd so badly when they were great friends that it has made her odd and cross. O, what will she say when she finds out what you have done?"

Poor Polly dreamed that night that she was sent back to Dumping Hill, and the conductor cried out, "No business bump!" every time he came through the car. And when she reached home the twins had turned into wooden dolls and couldn't speak to her!

But bright days come after dark nights and bad dreams do not come true. Miss Tidd came home the very next day and she looked into the money drawer the very first thing. And she was astonished! When she saw how many new customers came in, she was delighted; and when they asked for dolls she said she didn't care if Polly filled the window with them, if they drew customers like that!

But she did not yet know whose little girl it was to whom Polly had given the doll! Miss Dinsmore said she didn't want to be there when she found out! And Polly had not yet mustered courage to tell her when a woman came hurrying into the shop and actually threw her arms around Cousin Mary Olive's neck, a thing that Polly had decided she should never dare to do. And she said with tears that she knew Cousin Mary Olive had forgiven her, because she had given her little girl that beautiful doll; and it would seem like heaven if they could go back to the old times and be friends. And Cousin Mary Olive cried and kissed her.

Polly slipped out of the shop then because she thought she might be in the way. When the visitor had gone Cousin Mary Olive, with her scowl all smoothed out and her face looking young and bright, took Polly in her arms and kissed her. She told her that she had found out that something that had darkened her life had been all a mistake, and it was Polly who had set things right!

"A kind heart is even better than a business bump!" she said. The gray parrot, on his perch in the sitting-room, kept repeating that, and Polly heard it that night, in a happy dream.

Cousin Mary Olive paid for the doll when the drummer came again, and ordered a dozen more dolls for Polly to dress for the shop; and more than a dozen—enough to go 'round!—for her to send to the Dumping Hill children.

### The Duty of the Strong

You who are the oldest,  
You who are the tallest,  
Don't you think you ought to help  
The youngest and the smallest?

You who are the strongest,  
You who are the quickest,  
Don't you think you ought to help  
The weakest and the sickest?

Never mind the trouble,  
Help them all you can;  
Be a little woman!  
Be a little man!

—Gelett Burgess, in *More Goops*.

## The Child and God

By Lily Rice Foxcroft

"What am I going to tell my little boy when he begins to ask about God?" says the anxious mother, and her tone testifies to the weight of responsibility that she feels. Perhaps it is the importance of the question that leads parents to look at it so often from this standpoint of duty, but it would be simpler and easier if they could see it in the light of privilege.

Surely this is the more natural way. We are impatient to share all our other interests with the children. Our love of outdoors, of books, of music, even our round of daily cares—we can hardly wait for the little man to be old enough to enter into them. We talk to him of absent friends, of the uncle whom he has never seen, of the grandfather who came once, when he was a tiny baby. We search the memories of our own childhood for stories that will please his childish taste. We repeat to him over and over again the messages sent and teach him to treasure the gifts with special care. We try in every way to make the unseen personality real to the child, quite undeterred by the thought that his idea must be very inadequate and that by waiting a few years his apprehension will be broader. And we do this not because it is our duty, because family affection requires it, because the ties of kinship will be of service to him in mature life, but because it is our impulse, because we love to do it, because we cannot help doing it.

If we were criticised, we could defend ourselves by saying that the early years are the receptive, impressionable years, that we want to have the child's love for his grandfather strike its roots deeper than his memory, that the little fellow might well doubt his mother's own affection for the parent whom she had waited six, or eight, or ten years to name to him, and so on, and on. But the point is too obvious for argument when it is the human relationships that are concerned.

Why can we not in the same spontaneous, natural way, talk to the child of his Father in heaven? It is a wonderful story for eager little ears to hear, and brings—many mothers know—wonderful comfort to timid little hearts. Another Father, even more loving than the one he sees, thinking about him all the time, watching him all the time, never going away from him, taking care of him every minute, in the dark corner that the childish fancy peoples with vague terrors, as really as in the sunshine; so wise that he always knows what is best for the little boy, and so strong that he can always do it, happy when the boy is good and more sorry than any one else in all the world when he is naughty—surely it cannot "burden the child prematurely" to be told of him.

So of the future life. We cannot long keep from the child the dreadful knowledge of death. It comes to his playmate's home, if not to his own. It is not wisdom, it is sheer cruelty, to withhold the hope of the perfect life that completes this. The analogies are ready to hand—the cast-off garment, the seed sown, the butterfly's cocoon—a very little mind will seize them, and ponder them, and develop surprising thoughts of its own

from them. "Understand them?" Who of us does that?

Very young children, almost without exception, are interested in the gospel stories. Pictures help, and there are numbers of the best available now for a trifling outlay, or for none at all, if one will clip them from papers and calendars. The mother's simple paraphrase comes first, but the Bible language should be substituted as soon as possible, both because it appeals to the child's reverence and imagination, and because it becomes unconsciously memorized.

"But," some one says, "all this is not so easy as it sounds. What are you going to do when your child asks questions you can't answer?"

To begin with, I am not going to be frightened. Any child can ask more questions than a mother can answer. (So can any parishioner, as any pastor will tell you.) But I am not afraid to say to my child that "I don't know," that "I can't explain it," that "it is hard to explain," that "other good people explain it differently." An infallible mother—let us be thankful!—is not required by any church, nor in any nursery.

But sincerity is essential. One need not always speak positively, but when one does, it must be with the positiveness of one's own conviction, not of somebody else's. Children are quick to detect the false note, the forced note even. The mother's business is not to teach a theology but to share a faith. She will instinctively dwell most on that which is most vital to her, and will speak of her love and loyalty to Jesus Christ as leader, teacher, revealer and saviour, without attempting to enter into the mysteries of the divine human life; and of her reverence for the Bible as a daily source of guidance, strength, and comfort without essaying subtle questions of authority, authenticity or interpretation.

Reverence, indeed, is one of the first requisites in the religious training of children. It does not imply formalism, it is not inconsistent with spontaneity. But it forbids making a spectacle of the tiny white-gowned figure at its evening prayer, or passing along the baby questionings as so many *bon-mots*. It does not quote the Father in heaven in moments of maternal irritability, nor back up the ordinary domestic discipline by threats of his authority.

Rather it plants the knowledge of him and his holiness in the little heart, and leaves the little conscience, for the most part, to make its own applications. It has its simple forms and rites—the quiet tone, the shut door, the careful handling of the Book, the special place and hour for the daily reading and prayer, the white-draped table, perhaps, with the Bible and the sacred picture. It respects, too, the natural processes by which character is developed, and does not fall into discouragement with the teaching, or doubt of the creed, that fails to produce perfection in a five-year-old.

Don't try God, but trust him.—Professor Lhamon.



## Books for the Child's Own Bookcase

By Walter Taylor Field

A list of books that will fit the needs of every child is somewhat like a medicine that will cure every disorder. It claims too much. Allowance must be made for the individuality of the child.

modern children's literature. The great books I have starred. I give one to each of my children on every birthday, and the gift is looked forward to with delight for months before it comes.

the tales in the complete book are entirely worthless. The best expensive edition is the Nister. A good cheap edition is that in two volumes, edited by Sara E. Wiltse.

FOUR YEARS: \* Andersen: Fairy Tales; \* La Fontaine: Fables; \* Eugene Field: Lullaby Land, a collection of the author's best short poems for and about children. Andrew Lang: Blue, Green, Red, and Yellow Fairy Books. These contain tales found in the Andersen, Grimm, and other collections, together with a great number of others, admirably told.

FIVE YEARS: \* Ruskin: King of the Golden River—the most beautiful sermon to children ever preached in the guise of a fairy tale. \* Carroll: Alice in Wonderland—supplies the element of absurdity demanded at this age. \* Lear: Nonsense Rhymes—a real classic, probably the most artistic nonsense ever written. Jane Andrews: Seven Little Sisters—a story of child life among the various races of the world. Sewall: Black Beauty—the story of a horse, inspires kindness to animals. Harris: Uncle Remus—Negro folklore.

SIX YEARS: \* De Foe: Robinson Crusoe—the great classic for children. \* Hawthorne: Wonder Book—the best of all children's stories of the Greek myths. \* Wyss: Swiss Family Robinson—not so good as Robinson Crusoe, but often better liked by children, probably because children occupy a prominent place in the story. Thackeray: The Rose and the Ring—a delicious extravaganza, enjoyed by all who have any appreciation of humor. Kipling: The Jungle Books, First and Second—poetic and fanciful, should be regarded as literature, not natural history. Arthurian legends: Brooks's The Story of King Arthur, or Greene's King Arthur and His Court.

SEVEN YEARS: \* Kingsley: Water-Babies—a model of story-telling, holding the child by the charm of the narrative, and teaching him the beauty of helpfulness, with incidental les-



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From The Big Book of Nursery Rhymes

He must not be surfeited with history when he is hungry for stories of the woods and fields—for by forcing upon him something that he does not want, or for which he is not ready, you may destroy that taste for reading which it should be the aim of the parent to encourage. When the reading habit is once established it will be possible to lead the child into other channels than those which he may himself have chosen, but he should be led, not driven.

Notwithstanding the varied requirements of different sorts of children there are certain great and abiding books which are indispensable and which should form the framework of every course of juvenile reading. It is a significant fact that most of these books, as—for example—the Odyssey, Æsop's Fables, the Arabian Nights and Robinson Crusoe, were not intended for children at all, but were written when men were more childlike than they are today, and when simplicity and directness were the essentials of all literature. Indeed, you may name on the fingers of one hand all the books, written for children, that have any claim to immortality.

In spite of the impossibility of making a list that shall be infallible, I am going to offer one which may prove suggestive and which may be varied as individual needs direct. It is a list of the books which I am reading with my own children. I may depart from it a dozen times before we are done, but it seems to me to contain all the great books which every child should love to read, and a fair selection of other and less important works which represent the best of our

AGE—ONE YEAR: Colored picture books. Most published picture books are spoiled by the doggerel which accompanies the pictures. Generally, too, the pictures themselves are made violently grotesque under the impression that young children demand something unusual. Artists sometimes forget that to a young child a normal elephant is quite as unusual as an elephant in a hat and a pair of trousers. The best possible book for a year old child is one made by the parents. A yard of curtain shade material folded into leaves and stitched at the back insures a durable foundation upon which may be pasted bright and attractive pictures. If you must have a ready-made picture book, several good ones are published by Frederick Warne & Co., London.

TWO YEARS: \* Mother Goose's Melodies, Nister Edition preferred; \* Classic Nursery Tales, including Cinderella, The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, etc. The Nister Edition, strangely misnamed Mother Goose Nursery Tales, is the best, though for a cheap edition Scudder's Fables and Folk Stories is excellent.

THREE YEARS: \* Æsop: Fables; \* Stevenson: A Child's Garden of Verses; \* Grimm: Fairy Tales. Care should be used in selecting an edition of Grimm, as many of



THE LONG NOSES

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From The Crimson Fairy Book

sons in natural history and good manners. \*Swift: Gulliver's Travels. Children while they do not appreciate the satire enjoy the story. Be sure you get an expurgated edition. Most of those published for children are such. \*Hawthorne: Tanglewood Tales—a continuation of The Wonder Book.

EIGHT YEARS: \*Homer: The Odyssey—Palmer's translation. If the opening book is not appreciated, begin with the setting out of Telemachus in search of his father. \*Bunyan: Pilgrim's Progress. The little folks will not be disturbed by the theology. If they become restive, skip a page occasionally. \*Arabian Nights—supplies the element of Orientalism lacking in other fairy tales. The edition edited by Andrew Lang is, on the whole, the best. \*Spyri: Heidi—a charming story of a little Swiss girl's life in the mountains, and later in a large city.

NINE YEARS: \*Cervantes: Don Quixote. Children enjoy the adventures and begin to appreciate the satire. \*Irving: Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. If buying, get the Sketch Book, complete. Your children will later be attracted to the other sketches in it, and will read such as they are able to understand. \*Longfellow: Hiawatha, Paul Revere's Ride, and The Children's Hour. Get the Complete Poems and go into them with your child as far as he will, selecting first the narrative poems, such as the Tales of a Wayside Inn. With most children Evangeline will be better appreciated a year or two later. Brown: Rab and his Friends. This classic dog story would be placed, by some, earlier in the course. If particularly well received follow it with Ouida's A Dog of Flanders.

TEN YEARS: \*Scott: Marion, The Lady of the Lake, The Lay of the Last Minstrel—strong, heroic and inspiring. \*Franklin: Autobiography—supplies historical reading. At about this age "true stories" are in demand. \*Dickens: Christmas Carol—useful both for its story and its lesson. La Boulaye: Abdallah—a charming Oriental story illustrating the beauty of unselfishness—a real children's classic. Stevenson: Treasure Island—the best type of stories of adventure. Burroughs: Birds and Bees, Sharp Eyes.

ELEVEN YEARS: \*Scott: Ivanhoe—the simplest and perhaps best of the Waverley novels. \*Whittier: Snow Bound, Among the Hills, Barbara Frietchie, Barefoot Boy. Use edition of Complete Poems as in the case of Longfellow. \*Irving and Fiske: Washington and his Country—an adaptation of Irving's Life of Washington, by John Fiske. Alcott: Little Women, Little Men. Girls prefer the former, boys the latter, though any child reading one book will want to read the other. \*Coleridge: Ancient Mariner. Saintine: Picciola.

TWELVE YEARS: \*Hughes: Tom Brown at Rugby—a story for every boy. \*Macaulay: Lays of Ancient Rome. \*Scott: Guy Mannerling, and Rob Roy. \*Holmes: The Deacon's Masterpiece, and Old Ironsides. Use Complete Poems. \*Poe: The Gold Bug. Hale: A Man without a Country—a thrilling lesson in patriotism. Blaisdell: Stories from English History.

THIRTEEN YEARS: \*Dickens: David Copperfield, and Pickwick Papers. \*Homer: The Iliad—Bryant's Translation. \*Lowell: The Vision of Sir Launfal. \*Cooper: The Last

of the Mohicans—a side light on American history. \*Martineau: Peasant and Prince.—a story of the French Revolution. \*Scott: Tales of a Grandfather—an ideal history of Scotland for young people. Roosevelt and Lodge: Hero Tales of American History.

FOURTEEN YEARS: \*Shakespeare: Julius Caesar, Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, As You Like It. Many children can hear these with pleasure at an earlier age. Get a complete Shakespeare in one volume, illustrated—the best you can find. Let the young people absorb all that they will of it. At this age they will read it themselves, though you will want to read it with them and help them to find its beauties. \*Goldsmith: The Vicar of Wakefield. \*Bryant: Sella, Thanatopsis, and Shorter Poems. \*Chesterfield: Letters (Selected). The most useful edition is that by Edwin Ginn. \*Webster: First Bunker Hill Address, The Constitution and the Union.

FIFTEEN YEARS: \*Milton: L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, Comus, and Lycidas. \*Ruskin:

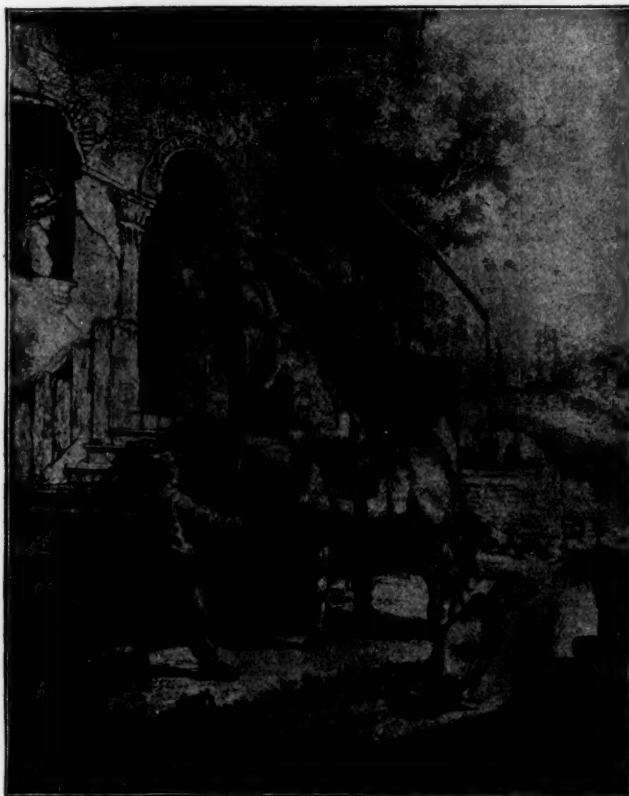
Another step brings us to books on natural history, which, while not strictly literature, may be so written as to become so. Stories of peoples and places, the beginnings of geography, should begin at about the same period, and history stories soon after—at least not later than at the age of seven or eight. Stories of travel and adventure, of which Robinson Crusoe is the first, may begin at six and continue to the end. Here we have all the elements of literature for children: folklore and fable, nature stories, geography, history, fiction, poetry. Arrange them as your child can best assimilate them, but try not to neglect any side of the course.

You will see that I make no distinction between books for boys and books for girls. Good literature is universal in its interests. A book which is narrowed down to any sex or class is not properly literature at all. It is true that boys are attracted to stories about boys, and girls to stories about girls, but this is, after all, a surface attraction. If a book is *human* it is interesting to either sex; if it is not human, it is not good literature. No girl will decline to read Gulliver's Travels because Gulliver was a boy, and no boy will turn from Alice in Wonderland because Alice did not happen to be called Tommy.

You may ask at what point in this course, the parent should cease reading with the child and allow the child to read for himself. I answer at no point whatever. As the child becomes able to read, the parent may read *with* him rather than *to* him, but the reading is best done aloud and the feeling of association should be continued as long as possible. I know a father who is reading a course in history, several nights each week, with his sons, now young men. I do not need to tell you what sort of feeling exists between them, nor how much satisfaction all are

getting from the work. It began when the boys were much younger than now, but none of them is willing to outgrow it.

Before we pass this subject I want to say that the father who leaves to the nurse or even to the mother the whole duty of introducing his children to the great masters of literature is missing one of the rarest privileges of life. There are few fathers who cannot spend an hour each Sunday evening reading to their children, and there is nothing else which will so strengthen the bond of sympathy between the father and the child. Do you think the books themselves will be uninteresting to you? There is scarcely one on this list which you will not be glad to read a second time, for I assume that you are familiar with the older and greater ones. Such reading will broaden your sympathies, get you away from the conventionalities and cares of life, and make you young again



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From The Christ Story

REMBRANDT'S GOOD SAMARITAN

Sesame and Lilies. How and What to Read—a book that no boy or girl of fifteen should be without. Let them not only read it but reread it and make it their own. \*Plutarch: Lives. \*Gray: Elegy in a Country Churchyard. \*Tennyson: The Princess. \*Thackeray: Henry Esmond.

The underlying idea of this list is to give the child what is most likely to interest him at a given age. We begin with nursery jingles, which fall pleasantly upon the ear before the mind takes much thought of what they mean. Then follow fairy tales, beginning as soon as the child can understand them and continuing until—well, I doubt if we ever grow too old for fairy tales. With the fairy stories come the fables, in which conversational animals form an important part. These lead to true stories of animals, particularly stories which inspire a love for the brute creation and a disposition to be kind toward them.



## The Literature of the Day

Timely and Attractive Books for Children and Young People

### A Few Good Books for Girls

The natural background of stories for girls is the experience of home and school, with a good tincture of the outdoor life which is happily now so popular and an added spice of love-making. Our girls are often great readers and the books which are prepared for their special pleasure usually constitute a goodly share of the product of the year, most of which, like the rest of the so-called juveniles, crowds into the autumn months with an eye toward the lavish purchasing of the Christmas season. The books notice of which follows are good books, though not the only good books of the autumn publishing.

In *Camp Fidelity Girls*,\* Annie Hamilton Donnell describes the varied experiences of four girls who summer on an abandoned farm among the New Hampshire hills. They make friends with their few neighbors and have amusing times in their attempts to follow the village ways. They "sit up" with a sick woman to her great benefit, they dig for treasure only to find a buried doll, and picnics and other good times abound. A mystery and its happy solution lend a touch of excitement, and Mrs. Donnell's sprightliness, humor and acquaintance with young people have combined to make an enjoyable book for girls or their elders.

*A Daughter of the Rich*,† by M. E. Waller, describes the other side of the usual social contrast, centering our sympathy upon the motherless child of a wealthy city home. The good doctor who prescribes a year in the mountains of Vermont for this fragile daughter of New York is justified by the results in this description. If the country household seems a trifle idealized, the family group pictured in it is winning and wholesome. The author understands how to make the relations of the characters natural and interesting and invents abundant incident, so that the movement never lags. The story moves within the possibilities of ordinary life and is helpful as well as interesting.

*The Children Who Ran Away*,‡ by Evelyn Sharp, is a refreshing story which will interest girls. Two little orphans run away from a loveless house to a kind and wealthy lady of whom they have

heard, who makes a home for girls. The boy is put into a school next door and the girl soon makes a place for herself and wins the respect of the other girls who are guests of the house. She joins the boys in their games and earns their admiration for her pluck and good fellowship. The characters of the lively little heroine and her young friends are true to life and a breezy out-of-door atmosphere pervades the book. The children's confusion of love and dislike toward their guardian in his different characters and a hint of a love story lend interest to an unusual plot.

*Ursula's Freshman*,\* by Anna Chapin

Laura E. Richards in *The Green Satin Gown*,\* has given us a book of short stories which will especially interest girls. Mrs. Richards is always and deservedly popular and these stories show her sense of the dramatic value of the incidents of ordinary life and her power of picturing the workings of the human heart.

### Nursery Rhymes and Folk Tales

The season brings us three books devoted to Mother Goose which we may describe in the fashion of the story of the Three Bears—the great big book of *Nursery Rhymes*,† the middle-sized book of *Mother Goose*‡ and the little wee book belonging to the series of *Little Books for Little People*, also called *Nursery Rhymes*.§ There are those who hold that the mass of verses which often goes under the name of Mother Goose is one of the most important literary monuments of the English tongue. However that may be, it is true that it remains the one work still existing under the conditions of vocal transmission which shaped and polished the first growths of literature everywhere. This fact is in evidence in these three books, the text of which in particular songs varies according to the source from which they were derived or the locality in which they were recorded.

Mr. Jerrold has given us a sumptuous volume, beautifully illustrated in outline sketches with a few colored plates and an occasional silhouette by Charles Robinson. These pictures are well worth the price of the book. The print is large, the pages ample and the child is to be congratulated who gets so perfect an embodiment of this delightful material. If the volume seems rather fit for the library than for the nursery table, it may have its part to play in teaching children neatness of handling and respect for books. The English origin of

these nursery rhymes is emphasized by some variants from American form which we find in the text, and in this respect the volume, taken, for the most part, from the oldest printed editions, has a special interest and registers the more recent progress of popular modification, in half a dozen generations of nursery use.

With less pretense to scholarship but a



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From *A Daughter of the Rich*

Ray, introduces us to old friends and new. While not directly a continuation, it re-introduces characters from Miss Ray's last year's story, *Natalie's Chum*. The heroine is the hot-tempered and warm-hearted daughter of a minister in the middle West who comes from her quiet prairie village to spend a winter with an aunt in New York. Her *Freshman* is the spoiled only child of the household whom her teasing but wholesome friendship saves from becoming the worst kind of a prig. The book will be popular especially with the girls.

\* *Ursula's Freshman*, by Anna Chapin Ray. pp. 303. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.25 net.

\* *Camp Fidelity Girls*, by Annie Hamilton Donnell. pp. 273. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.20 net.

† *A Daughter of the Rich*, by M. E. Waller. pp. 349. Little, Brown & Co.

‡ *The Children Who Ran Away*, by Evelyn Sharp. pp. 319. Macmillan Co.

\* *The Green Satin Gown*, by Laura E. Richards. pp. 225. Dana Estes & Co. 75 cents net.

† *The Big Book of Nursery Rhymes*, edited by Walter Jerrold, illustrated by Charles Robinson. pp. 320. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$3.00.

‡ *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes*. pp. 247. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.50.

§ *Nursery Rhymes*, illustrated by E. Stuart Hardy. pp. 120. E. P. Dutton & Co. 50 cents.

nearly equal number of rhymes, the middle-sized book (which bears the name of no editor) is also remarkably full and is illustrated with spirited pictures by Mabel Chadburn. It would be more easily handled than the other by a child, and the type is pleasantly large for the use of little eyes.

The "little bear" is designedly small in size but contains a good selection of the famous rhymes and the pictures by E. Stuart Hardy are printed in colors. Here, too, there has been no sacrifice of type to suit the smallness of the page. The other books are for the nursery shelf or table; this would slip well into a child's stocking at Christmas time, or even a pocket, and thereby come into closer intimacy of possession.

Mr. Lang's *Crimson Fairy Book*\* is above even his own high average in the growing series of annual offerings. Most of the stories are taken from the folk tales of eastern Europe and the wild origins and picturesque history of the Magyars, especially, colors them with fresh scenery and interest. In its illustrations and general attractiveness of make, the book is quite as fascinating as any of its predecessors.

Laura Winnington has collected twenty-eight fairy stories and poems of elf-land,† to which J. Conacher has added interesting woodcuts. The stories are partly selected from folklore and partly from the more literary stories of France and Germany. The selection is a good one, both in prose and verse, and makes in its large pages and pretty cover a satisfactory installment of the treasures of the fairy world for the younger children.

may call the folk lore of birds—the traditions and imaginations of many peoples in regard to their origin and the history of their peculiarities of plumage or of life. The chapters are short, brightly

of them, of Brother Rabbit and the Bee is an addition to the cycle of animal stories of the Uncle Remus book, in which once more the rabbit is the hero and the fox the victim. There is a treat here for children and those who love to read aloud to them.

#### Four Books for Boys

Boys will be both pleased and helped by Mr. Frank H. Sweet's story of a young man's launching in the world of trade.\* A farmer's son with the instinct of business seizes an opportunity of buying out a village storekeeper. His mistakes and experiences, all of which finally serve to put him on the right path to mastery, are told with a simplicity and closeness to reality which win the reader's interest. The characters are drawn with clear insight and commendable reserve, and there is a quiet touch of humor in many pages of the book. We commend the story for its good sense and literary value. It will be especially useful to boys in giving them an insight into the real meaning of the opportunities of business.

In *The Young Ice Whalers*,† Winthrop Packard takes us to our own Arctic North. It is a book of boys' adventure and daring in the whaling voyage to the Arctic and in crossing Alaska which every lad will like and which will stir the interest of such of the elders as are fortunate enough to take time for its perusal. It takes us into strange scenes and among events which are out of ordinary experience but the proportion of the narrative is wonderfully well sustained. The boys



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From *Urula's Freshman*

written, and will bring to the knowledge of children many pleasant thoughts and imaginings from the old life of the world.

The author of Uncle Remus is a delightful companion, both for children and their elders. Favorite characters from an earlier book reappear in connection



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From *Wally Wanderoon*

THE WHITE FOX AND THE SUN

Abbie Farwell Brown has made an attractive book,‡ which contains what we

\* *The Crimson Fairy Book*, edited by Andrew Lang. pp. 371. Longmans, Green & Co. \$1.60 net.

† *The Outlook Fairy Book for Little People*, by Laura Winnington. pp. 313. Outlook Co. \$1.20 net.

‡ *The Curious Book of Birds*, by Abbie Farwell Brown. pp. 191. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.10 net.

with the machinery of this collection.\* The stories themselves, both in the Anglo-Saxon and the Negro dialect, are told with unflinching humor and spirit. One

\* *Wally Wanderoon and His Story Telling Machine*, by Joel Chandler Harris. pp. 204. McClure, Phillips & Co. \$1.60 net.



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From *Wally Wanderoon*

TRAVELING BY THE PINE SAPLING

are wholesome, manly fellows without the exaggeration of exploits so common in books for boys, and the scenery has been carefully studied and is used in sub-

\* *Going Into Business*, by Frank H. Sweet. pp. 243. Pilgrim Press. \$1.00.

† *The Young Ice Whalers*, by Winthrop Packard. pp. 397. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.20 net.





ABBIE FARWELL BROWN  
Author of *The Curious Book of Birds*

ordination to the artistic unity of the book. It is a pleasure to find a book for boys as fresh and effective as this and a pleasure also to note the artistic quality of the illustrations.

Mr. Hesser, the author of *Joe's Signal Code*,\* is an accomplished practical electrician as well as a student and friend of young men. He has called his knowledge to the help of his imagination in this lively story of adventure at sea and on a desert island. Shipwreck and exploration and the beating off of pirates at great odds add to the interest of the story. There are good pictures of manly Christian character, fresh inventions in which electrical appliances play their part, and a little spice of wholesome love-making. Defoe would have written the story more briefly and vividly, but Mr. Hesser has proved himself an apt scholar of his school and his story will interest and help the boys.

In *Weatherby's Inning*,† Ralph Henry Barbour has given us a well-invented story of college life in one of the smaller New England institutions. It turns, as the title would suggest, on athletics, but has also a good representation of the wider life of the college. The hero is a Freshman who lives down an unjust accusation which shadows his early career. The story is well told and is refreshing because in a wilderness of purely athletic tales it represents the scholastic as well as the social and sporting interests of the undergraduates.

### Books about Children

The old world had little curiosity about the ways and thoughts of children, the modern world recognizes that they are of the utmost importance to the study of the origins and nature of man. It is the age, indeed, of the scientific study of the child and of his literary exploitation. One of the interesting features, therefore, of the season's offering of books for and about children is the number and quality of the books devoted to a serious reproduction, by the aid of memory, or by careful observation and note-taking, of the child's thought and the child's

point of view in its progress of making acquaintance with life.

Foremost among these volumes we may place the *Note-Book of an Adopted Mother*,\* by Eleanor Davids. The author of this suggestive and delightful book of child study has modestly sheltered herself behind a pen name. The record is so intimate in its description of home experiences, and its conclusions as to the bringing up of boys are so freshly put and so sensible that it should be widely read by parents, teachers and all who have to do with boys.

The author replaced the child whom she had lost by a boy five years old taken from an institution. While her sense of the responsibilities of motherhood was in no wise diminished by the fact that the child was not her own, that fact gave



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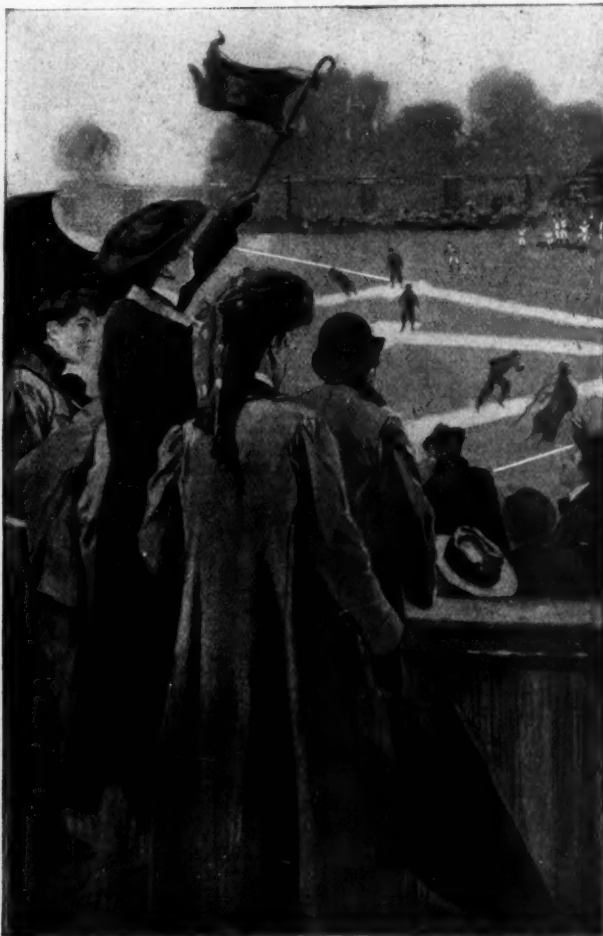
her a certain intellectual aloofness which has enabled her to picture the workings of his mind with a remarkably helpful clearness of vision. The book is exceedingly quotable and will be provocative both of thought and discussion among those who are interested in its subject. In its own department it is one of the notable books of the season.

Mrs. Winston, in her *Memoirs of a Child*,† has been able quite wonderfully to recall the impressions, sensations and experiences of her childhood. She has arranged them under headings which enable her to group related experiences. Allowing for some elements of unconscious sophistication of memory, the book is an interesting and delightful picture of the

world of a child's soul, and of our own world as it looks through the eyes of an imaginative and sensitive child. It has a value, both for the student of psychology and for the lover of children.

Elizabeth Hill, in *My Wonderful Visit*,\* goes back into the memories of her childhood to give us a vital picture of a city child's first visit to the country. There is comment from the author's present viewpoint on the quality of these childish words and actions, but for the most part the current of recollection runs clear. The scene of the story is in Maine, not far from Portland, and the time is in the late sixties or early seventies of the last century. There is the flavor of happy, though by no means untroubled life, and there are realistic pictures of country ways and manners. The book has genuine interest as a story and as material for the study of childhood.

*Kings and Queens*,† by Florence Wilkinson, is a family book in which a mother has put into literary form the poetical fancies of her children. It is full of delightful verse, much of which has already appeared in the periodicals. Parents and children will both find their share in these clever and delightful verses, and the personal element, emphasized by the few prose productions of the children themselves, adds value and charm to the book which affords such an engaging



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From *Weatherby's Inning*

picture of individualities in a charming group of children.

\**Joe's Signal Code*, by W. Reiff Hesser. pp. 381. Lee & Shepard. \$1.00 net.

†*Weatherby's Inning*, by Ralph Henry Barbour. pp. 249. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.25 net.

\**Note-Book of an Adopted Mother*, by Eleanor Davids. pp. 259. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.00 net.

†*Memoirs of a Child*, by Annie Steger Winston. pp. 169. Longmans, Green & Co.

\**My Wonderful Visit*, by Elizabeth Hill. pp. 271. Chas. Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.

†*Kings and Queens*, by Florence Wilkinson. pp. 138. McClure, Phillips & Co. \$1.20 net.

Anna Chapin Ray's story, *Sheba*,\* is exceptionally interesting. It is an admirable picture of slum children, which older people should read, enjoy and profit by. It has an unusual quality of truthful drawing combined, in the pathetic incidents, with a reserve and simplicity which are refreshing to the story-wearied mind.

The author knows her subject well and her characters stand out with the vividness of genuine life. With all these high qualities it is hardly a book which should be put into the hands of children, but belongs with careful studies of child life—in this case among the children of Jewish immigrants in our great cities.

*Wanderfolk in Wonderland*, by Edith Guerrier. pp. 123. Small, Maynard & Co. \$1.20 net. Miss Edith Brown's drawings have a laugh-provoking element of animal caricature which will interest the children. The stories are humorous inventions in the domain of impossible zoölogy.

#### FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

*Our Little Norwegian Cousin*, by Mary Hazelton Wade. pp. 116. L. C. Page & Co. 50 cents net.

*Our Little Italian Cousin*, by Mary Hazelton Wade. pp. 125. L. C. Page & Co. 50 cents.

Of a long series of successful books describing the children of other lands, these two are the contribution of the present season. They show the same comprehension of the tastes and thoughts of little children and the same power of conveying clear pictures of unfamiliar life. Useful and interesting books, appropriately illustrated by L. J. Bridgman.

*Jack, the Fire Dog*, by Lily F. Wesselhoeft. pp. 284. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.00 net.

Jack was the inmate of an engine house and the close companion of the firemen. About his fortunes are grouped those of a number of children, some from poor families and some from wealthy homes. The story lacks unity but its incidents are well told and the spirit of the book is good. The illustrations are noticeably fine.

*In a Brazilian Jungle*, by Claude H. Wetmore. pp. 314. W. A. Wilde Co. \$1.20 net.

The scene of this story is near Rio, in Brazil, in the last years of the reign of Dom Pedro. The adventures of an American family and of two English young men, one of whom has shipped as a sailor in the British navy, supply the elements of plot. A Brazilian coffee plantation becomes a trap for young men seeking a life-work, an incident which is founded upon fact. The book is independently interesting, yet incidentally gives boys and girls some idea of the conditions of Brazilian life.

*How the Two Ends Met*, by Mary F. Leonard. pp. 97. T. Y. Crowell & Co. 60 cents net.

A pretty story intended for children rather than the older boys and girls. It brings together the wealthy and the poorer classes in a large town, some of the characters belong-

## All Sorts of Children's Books

### FOR LITTLE FOLKS

*More Five Minute Stories*, by Laura E. Richards. pp. 159. Dana Estes & Co. \$1.00 net. An interesting book of brief stories for little children in which Mrs. Richards's imagination and literary skill appear. The book is pret-

*Randy and Prue*, by Amy Brooks. pp. 251. Lee & Shepard. 80 cents net.

Familiar friends to those who have read the other Randy Books reappear in this story of how Randy kept house while her mother rested. Little Prue is as sweet and amusing as ever.

*Rover's Story*, by Helena Higginbotham. pp. 193. Lee & Shepard. 80 cents net.

A dog story, rather in the old-fashioned vein, without the harrowing incidents which make up the modern animal story. Rover tells, in somewhat high-flown style, an interesting if unexciting history from which we learn much of his kind.

*The Stories of Peter and Ellen*, by Gertrude Smith. pp. 138. Harper & Bros. \$1.30 net.

In simple words for very young children. These stories, though somewhat insipid, may please such little ones as



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From *The Young Ice Whalers*

tily illustrated, and will delight the children to whom it shall be read aloud.

*The Children's Book*, edited by Horace E. Scudder. pp. 444. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.50.

If a child could have but one book it would certainly get a great deal out of this collection of some of the best and most famous stories and poems in English. Fables, folk tales, Mother Goose, ballads of old English literature and favorite contributions of the poets, have all been drawn upon as well as Hans Andersen, Baron Munchausen and Swift. It is impossible to include in even so large a book as this, everything which a child would enjoy but Mr. Scudder has given us an admirable selection.

*Baby Days*, with an introduction by the editor of *St. Nicholas*. pp. 192. Century Co. \$1.50.

A selection of songs, stories and pictures for the littlest folks, some of them classical, others recent or reproduced from the pages of *St. Nicholas*. There is abundant material here for much enjoyment for mothers and their little children.

*The Little Owls at Red Gates*, by Ella Farman Pratt. pp. 79. Dana Estes & Co. 60 cents net. For very little children, many of the words in the text being replaced by pictures. The story is of a country home and its children and of a nest of owls, about which the children were curious and which in their turn were curious about the children.

\**Sheba*, by Anna Chapin Ray. pp. 143. T. Y. Crowell & Co. 60 cents net.

have enjoyed hearing about Roggie and Reggie and Arabella and Araminta. There are full-page pictures in color.

*The Adventures of Dorothy*, by Jocelyn Lewis. pp. 189. Outlook Co. \$1.00 net.

The story of an adventurous little girl who spends the summer on a farm and contrives to get into continual scrapes and to spoil her frocks. She eludes well-deserved punishment rather too cleverly.

*A Bunch of Keys*, by Margaret Johnson. pp. 74. K. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.00 net.

Stories told in turn by members of a family, the pictures by Jessie Walcott. Introductions and interludes are in ordinary type; the stories themselves are illustrated both with pictures and by the substitution of pictures for words in the text, thus combining the elements of an easy puzzle with the imaginative charm of the stories. They are simple, pretty narratives which a little child would enjoy hearing or would like to puzzle out for himself.



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From *Going into Business*

ing to each of the classes figuring in the story. It is well imagined, told in lively fashion and successfully illustrated.

*Jill's Red Bag*, by Amy Le Feuvre. pp. 220. F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents net.

Three children begin by laying aside a tenth



of their money and putting it into a red bag with the object of founding a mission room. They interest others and their enterprise bears good fruit in unexpected ways. The book, which is of a religious tone, is interesting, and the moral is unmistakable.

**Two Prisoners**, by Thos. Nelson Page. pp. 82. R. H. Russell. \$1.00.

A prettily told story of a poor little crippled girl whose life is suddenly changed and brightened by the efforts of a wealthy child of her own age. A mocking-bird and a little dog play important parts in the tale, which ends so happily that we wish it seemed more probable.

**Aunt 'Liza's Hero**, by Annie Fellows Johnston. pp. 129. L. C. Page & Co. 40 cents net.

Short stories which will appeal to readers with their sympathetic pictures of human nature, young and old. They were evidently written especially for young people.

#### FOR GIRLS

**Elizabeth's Charm String**, by Cora B. Forbes. pp. 238. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.20 net.

Stories told at a house-party to which the girls of the book were invited to meet Elizabeth's aunt on her return from travel in Europe and the East. The charm string which she brings Elizabeth holds a number of curiosities, collected in many places, about which the girls ask questions. In the satisfaction of their curiosity a series of bright descriptive and historical stories results which gave them, as they will give the reader, delightful glimpses of odd nooks and corners of Europe, and of curious traditions which have grown up in regard to persons and places. An entertaining book and a good introduction to real or fireside travels.

**A Gentle Pioneer**, by Amy E. Blanchard. pp. 336. W. A. Wilde Co. \$1.20 net.

The rough yet picturesque life of the early Ohio settler forms the setting for this story of a girl's determined effort to reclaim a tract of land left by her grandfather. The story is one for older girls who will enjoy the adventures and the wholesome love story.

**The Girl Who Kept Up**, by Mary McCrae Cutter. pp. 301. Lee & Shepard. \$1.00 net.

An ambitious girl makes successful efforts to secure the education which will enable her to "keep up" with her boy lover's college course. His foolish pride separates them and life brings severe discipline to both before the story reaches its happy ending.

**Five Little Peppers at School**, by Margaret Sidney. pp. 453. Lothrop Pub. Co. \$1.10 net.

Further records of the well-known children of the Pepper family. In this case Margaret Sidney turns back in their career to devote a chapter to their life at school.

**Half a Dozen Housekeepers**, by Kate Douglas Wiggin. pp. 162. Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia.

A story for girls in Mrs. Wiggin's earliest manner—in fact, the first book to which she put her name. It is therefore an interesting waymark of her progress, showing how far she has come and including sketches of some of the scenes and characters she has since made such brilliant use of in *Rebecca*. Mrs. Wiggin's cheery temper and power of invention appear in the book.

#### FOR BOYS

**In African Forest and Jungle**, by Paul du Chaillu. pp. 193. Chas. Scribner's Sons. \$1.50 net.

Boys will read this book of adventure in the forests of West Africa with the same keen interest with which they have received all Mr. Du Chaillu's books. The book will have in addition an interest of sentiment in the remembrance of its author's death and of the long period of neglect and detraction through which it was his lot



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From *How the Two Ends Met*

to pass. The illustrations are interesting, and in its visit to a single tribe the book has a distinct unity of its own.

**With Rodgers on the "President,"** by James Otis. pp. 348. W. A. Wilde Co. \$1.20 net.

A story of the naval War of 1812, in which a boy serves with Rodgers on one of the most famous ships of the American navy. If the President fought few famous battles, she had



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From *The Giant's Ruby*

a varied career which, with the adventures of the hero and character sketches of the officers and men, makes a spirited and agreeable story.

**Young Heroes of Wire and Rail**, by Alvah Milton Kerr. pp. 382. Lee & Shepard. \$1.00 net.

Stories, most of them previously printed in various papers and magazines, relating instances of coolness and heroism on the part of railroad men. Designed especially to interest boys, they have the qualities of manliness, excitement and clear description.

**In the War with Mexico**, by Cyrus Townsend Brady. pp. 313. Chas. Scribner's Sons. \$1.20 net.

Mr. Brady's stories are spirited. In this case the boy hero is a midshipman on a vessel of

an American blockading fleet off the coast of Mexico in our war with that republic. His adventures at sea include a cutting out expedition and a shipwreck, and on shore hair-breadth escapes as a prisoner and fighter with the American army in Scott's campaign. Some of the generals famous later in the Civil War appear as subalterns. Boys will like the book and gain some knowledge of the history which is its background.

**The Great Scoop**, by Molly Elliot Seawell. pp. 144. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.00.

How Richard Henshaw, aged fifteen, got his start as a newspaper man, well told and full of interest to boy readers.

**Entering into His Own**, by Hope Daring. pp. 279. Am. Tract Soc. \$1.00.

The struggles of a lonely boy into a noble and successful Christian manhood are described here sympathetically and interestingly. The villains are rather too villainous and the saints too saintly to be natural, but the tone of the book is nevertheless healthy.

**The House on the Moor**, by Harold Avery. pp. 125. Thos. Nelson & Sons. 50 cents.

An English school story turning on the temptations of a boy and his adventures in a deserted house where he and some companions took shelter on a wintry night. The story is characteristically English but is spirited and interesting and would appeal to the minds of our own American boys.

#### RELIGION

**Addresses to Boys, Girls and Young People**, by T. Rhonda Williams. pp. 232. Jas. Robinson, Manchester, Eng. 88 cents.

Mr. Williams is an English Congregational minister who is evidently in close sympathy with the young people of his congregation. These brief, practical and helpful talks contain fresh handling of the motives and experiences of the Christian life and make enjoyable reading.

**The Door in the Book**, by Charles Barnard. pp. 197. Fleming H. Revell Co. \$1.00 net.

Mr. Barnard has sought to make Bible stories real to children by taking a modern child back through the centuries to personal acquaintance with the children of the Scriptures. A door opens in an ancient copy and she walks into its pages. In this he has been measurably successful and many children would derive fresh impressions from his pages of the reality of the events and characters. Their elders will notice that they all (the Bible children) talk alike in a pseudo-archaic dialect which presently grows wearisome.

**The Christ Story**, by Eva March Tappan. pp. 416. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50 net.

A profusely illustrated paraphrase of the story of our Lord, by a well-known popularizer of historical biography. The illustrations are well-chosen and beautifully reproduced. It is a book to be read aloud to little children and will serve that purpose admirably. It should not, however, be allowed wholly to take the place of the reading of the much simpler and stronger Bible text.

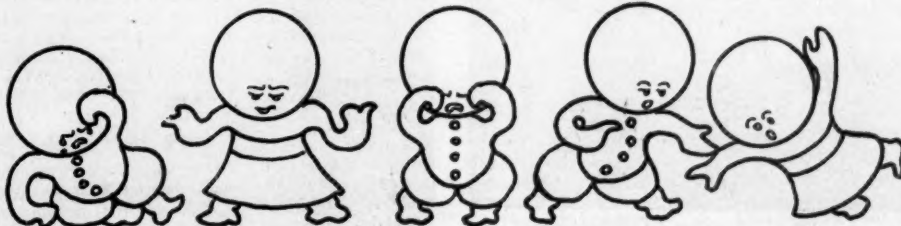
**Peter the Pilgrim**, by L. T. Meade. pp. 296. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.50.

A pathetic tale of a small boy who, with his sister and a companion, started out to make a pilgrimage from London to the Celestial City. Without reaching his destination he found friends and was set well on his way.

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**Pomiuk. A Walf of Labrador**, by William Byron Forbush. pp. 156.

Readers of *The Congregationalist* are familiar with the story of Pomiuk, the Eskimo boy whom Mr. Martin of The Corner discovered at the Columbian Exposition and whom later Dr.



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Grenfell rescued in North Labrador and took care of in his hospital in Indian Harbor. Mr. Forbush has told the story with spirit and gives us a clear idea of the conditions and interests of life in the frozen North. It is a book significant not only for the interest of the incidents, but as a record of Christian work in one of the neglected regions of America.

**The Giant of Three Wars**, by Jas. Barnes. pp. 241. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.00 net.

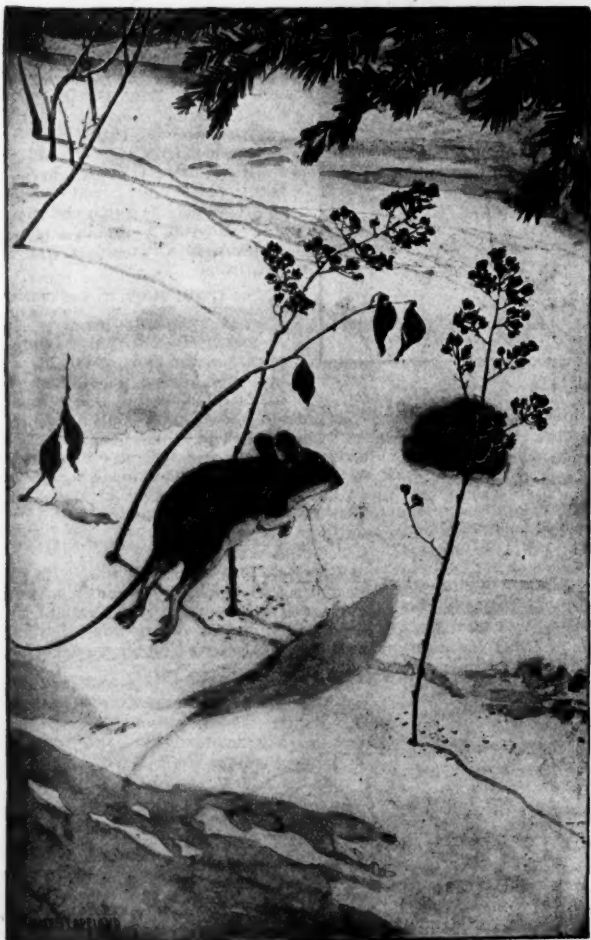
Boys will like this story of the career of one of our greatest generals. It is a capital piece of work, and will do something to recall public interest to Scott, whose career has been rather overshadowed by that of the actors in the Civil War.

**In the Days of Queen Victoria**, by Eva March Tappan, Ph. D. pp. 354. Lee & Shepard, 80 cents net.

The author's method in her historical sketches for boys and girls is well known. She applies it to the late Queen of England with a sympathetic and appreciative spirit and gives an admirable idea of Victoria's life and of her point of view. The book is rather personal and eulogistic than historical and the events are too recent to afford quite the proportion which would be desirable for a final life of the Queen for children.

**Napoleon Bonaparte**, by Wm. C. Sprague. pp. 236. A. Wessels Co., New York city. \$1.00.

A concise and at the same time interesting account of one of the greatest modern world leaders. Yet in spite of the author's intended impartiality the glamour of Napoleon's military career holds his mind and has colored his narrative. An ideal life of Napoleon for boys would have further minimized the conquests and emphasized Napoleon's civil accomplishments in law administration and building. The pictures are mostly reproductions from French paintings glorifying the career of the conqueror.



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From Jim Crow's Language Lessons

#### NATURE BOOKS

**Orchard Land**, by Robert W. Chambers. pp. 112. Harper & Bros. \$1.50 net.

Large print and pretty illustrations, both in color and black and white, make a favorable introduction for this series of sketches from the life of wild creatures which have their homes in the near neighborhood of man. Mr. Chambers makes the creatures talk to the children with a fine sense of proportion and of humor, and has managed to introduce a considerable portion of natural history without ever allowing it to seem like learning or to become tiresome.

**Jim Crow's Language**, by Julia Darrow Cowles. pp. 118. T. Y. Crowell & Co. 50 cents net.

Lively stories of birds and animals for little children. Tricks of a tame crow, the experiences of children with dogs, companionship with the wild birds at hospitable doors in the winter time, the observation of wild creatures in winter walks and the like afford material for interesting and instructive chapters which children will enjoy.

**Trapper Jim**, by Edwin Sandys. pp. 441. Macmillan Co. \$1.50 net.

A new edition of an admirable outdoor book for boys, part narrative and part instruction in the way of wild life, which we praised in the early summer.

**Lord Dolphin**, by Harriet A. Cheever. pp. 97. Dana Estes & Co. 40 cents net.

A story and description of the sea and sea



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From Kings and Queens

bottom, put into the mouth of a dolphin which becomes for a little while an inmate of the New York Zoological Gardens. The book has interesting illustrations and will both amuse and instruct little children.

**Four Boys on the Mississippi**, by Frank F. Kellogg. pp. 319. Saalfeld Pub. Co., Akron, O. \$1.00.

Not very great or very good literature, but full of suggestions about hunting and camping, in which wide-awake boys are sure to be interested. Slanginess and low ideas of commercial honor will cause careful parents to avoid the book.

**Ways of the Six Footed**, by Anna Botsford Comstock. pp. 152. Ginn & Co.

Sketches of the lives of insects written in the spirit of the evolutionary philosophy with a view of illustrating the conditions of struggle which exist at all stages of life. The book is well illustrated.

**The Insect Folk**, by Margaret Warner Morley. pp. 204. Ginn & Co.

A study for very little children of four families of insects. The book is fully illustrated by the author.



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From Jack the Fire Dog

**Prince Yellowtop**, by Kate Whiting Patch. pp. 95. L. C. Page & Co. 40 cents net.

Pleasantly told nature stories—one for each month—suitable for children of the kindergarten age.

#### HISTORICAL TALES

**Through Three Campaigns**, by G. A. Henty. pp. 373. Chas. Scribner's Sons. \$1.20 net.

**With the Allies to Peking**, by G. A. Henty. pp. 353. Chas. Scribner's Sons. \$1.20 net.

No grown-up boy and no lover of boys can recall that these posthumous volumes are the final contribution of the author to the amusement and instruction of boys, without grateful memories and genuine regrets. Mr. Henty's contributions to the history of the world run up into a prodigious number of volumes. There is, to say the least, a strong family resemblance among them. Nevertheless, the average has always been so high and the books themselves so manly, wholesome and interesting that we fear it will not be easy to discover another so successful a caterer to the tastes of boys. These two volumes deal with recent history. One bears slight marks of incompleteness but each maintains the high average of the whole series.

**At the Fall of Montreal**, by Edward Stratemeyer. pp. 312. Lee & Shepard. \$1.00 net.

Always popular with the boys, Mr. Stratemeyer's stories seem all alike to the *blanc* reviewer. This volume belongs to the Colonial series, and relates something of the history of the Conquest of Canada.

**The Sword of Wayne**, by Chas. S. Wood. pp. 370. W. A. Wilde Co.

Around the campaign of General Wayne by which the control of Ohio by the Americans was determined, Mr. Wood has woven a story full of personal interest though somewhat encumbered by a multitude of vaguely described minor characters.

**With Flintlock and Flife**, by Everett T. Tomlinson. pp. 356. W. A. Wilde Co. \$1.20 net.

Concerns itself with one of the turning points of American history. The author succeeds in putting before the minds of his boy readers a fairly accurate and interesting picture of the campaign in which the French advance upon the British colonies was checked by Johnson and Lyman at Lake George, in the usual setting of personal adventure.

#### VERSE

**The Grump**, by Gerald Siebel. pp. 108. E. P. Dutton & Co. 50 cents.

A little book which tells the story of a disagreeable character and his well-deserved fate in bright-colored pictures and jolly rhymes by S. C. Woodhouse. The book is just the right size to slip into the Christmas stocking of a child.

**In Childhood Land**, by Margaret Page. Saalfeld Pub. Co., Akron, O. \$1.25.

Pretty verses about children, on large pages with colored decorations. The pictures, by Katharine H. Greenland, are printed in the strongly contrasting primary colors which



little children are supposed to like. A book which bears careful reading better than most of its class.

**L'il Verses for L'il Fellers**, by George V. Hobart. pp. 124. Harper & Bros. \$1.40 net. Humorous verses about children, most of them in Western dialect of the kind made familiar by James Whitcomb Riley. They have both humor and pathos of a kind, and afford a realistic picture of life from a child's point of view. We cannot, however, recommend putting a book in which small boys describe their fathers as "Maw's husband" into the hands of children. The illustrations in color and black and white are unconventional and fit well with the verse.

**The Bad Child's Book of Beasts**, by H. Belloc. pp. 48. E. P. Dutton & Co. 60 cents.

Surprise is the element of fun in this book of amusing pictures and appropriately absurd rhymes. The elders may find more entertainment than the children, but the incongruities and absurdities will please the youngsters also.

**More Goops and How Not to Be Them**, by Gelett Burgess. F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.50.

Mr. Gelett Burgess's Goops are as amusing as ever. Their lessons of manners and morals are delightfully sugar-coated with jolly rhymes and amusing pictures. A book which children will enjoy and which their parents may laugh over with them to their mutual profit.

**The Golliwogg's Circus**, pictured by Florence K. Upton, verses by Bertha Upton. Longmans, Green & Co. \$1.50 net.

An English book of burlesque verses, grotesque pictures of dolls in circus postures. As Americans, we strenuously object to the partition of the Stars and Stripes as clothing for these absurd figures.

#### FOLK AND FAIRY TALES

**Robin Hood, His Book**, by Eva March Tappan. pp. 267. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50 net.

In this book Miss Tappan has put the old folk tales and legends of Sherwood Forest into a single and consistent running narrative. The illustrations of the book are by Charlotte Harding, some of them in color, and all of them quite in the spirit of the familiar stories. A good book to introduce children to a cycle of stories, allusion to which is common in all

periods of English literature.

**Dickon Bend the Bow, and Other Wonder Tales**, by Everett McNeill. pp. 175. Saalfeld Pub. Co., Akron, O. \$1.50.

A book of fairy stories written simply and charmingly, just as they were told to a group of the author's little friends. Illustrations in color by Rob Wagner help to make an attractive book.

**The Giant's Ruby**, by Mabel Fuller Blodgett. pp. 292. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.25 net.

This book will prove a treat for children of all ages, with its fairies, elves and dwarfs. The stories are original and well told, and the illustrations by Katherine Pyle are exceptionally good.

**Six Giants and a Griffin, and Other Stories**, by Birdsell Otis Edey. pp. 47. E. H. Russell, New York city. \$1.25 net.

Clever modern fairy stories with full-page illustrations. The machinery is that of Fairy-land but the spirit of the tales keeps close to the realities of modern life.

**Aesop's Fables in Rhyme for Children**, by Richardson D. White and Margaret D. Longley. Saalfeld Pub. Co., Akron, O. \$1.25.

Mr. Charles Livingstone Bull's illustrations in color give its real interest to this book of fables. They are unequal but many of them are admirable. The rhymes are rather a dilution of the strength and simplicity of the original fables.

**Maisie and Her Dog Snip in Fairyland**, by Bennett Mussion. pp. 165. Harper & Bros. \$1.30 net.

A little girl and her dog make a journey to Fairyland. The machinery of the plot is quite modern; the adventures are occasionally amusing and sometimes rather crude. The charm of the story for little children will be in the unexpectedness of the incidents.

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From *Our Little Norwegian Cousin*

#### In Praise of Children

In praise of little children I will say  
God first made man, then found a better way  
For woman, but his third way was the best.  
Of all created things the loveliest  
And most divine are children. Nothing here  
Can be to us more gracious or more dear.  
And though when God saw all his works were  
good  
There was no rosy flower of babyhood,  
'Twas said of children in a later day  
That none could enter heaven save such as  
they.

The earth, which feels the flowering of a  
thorn,  
Was glad, O little child, when you were born;  
The earth, which thrills when skylarks scale  
the blue,  
Soared up itself to God's own heaven in you;  
And heaven, which loves to lean down and to  
glass  
Its beauty in each dewdrop on the grass—  
Heaven laughed to find your face so pure and  
fair,  
And left, O little child, its reflex there!  
—William Canton.

#### The Book

Little child, I pray you look  
Upon me, your friend the Book!  
I am wonderfully made;  
Leaves of paper smoothly laid,  
Each one printed bright and new,  
Telling something good to you;  
All together sewed and bound,  
Neat and tidy, strong and sound.

Do not throw me here and there;  
Dog's-ear not my corners fair!  
Do not wet your thumb to turn  
Pages; so the careless learn!  
Keep me neat and bright and clean,  
As you would yourself be seen;  
So you'll meet a pleasant look  
Always, from your friend the Book!  
—Laura E. Richards, in *More Flee Minute Stories*.



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From *In African Forest and Jungle*

## The House of God\*

By Rev. A. E. Dunning

The temple at Jerusalem stands as the symbol of what religion should be to a nation. What the house of Jehovah was to Israel the institutions of Christianity must be to our country, so far as the reverence of the people for these institutions goes, if our nation is to have permanent prosperity. The one achievement of Solomon which entitles him to his place in the Hebrew Hall of Fame was the building and dedication of the temple. It stood in Israel and it stands in our land for:

1. *The covenant of God with the people.* The building was magnificent, but its splendor was made significant only by placing the ark in it. The only thing in the ark was the Ten Commandments [v. 9]. The nation had begun its existence by a solemn promise of all the people to obey that law [Ex. 24: 7, 8]. They accepted the promise of Jehovah that while they kept that law he would make them his own people [Ex. 19: 1-6]. It was on that covenant as a basis that the temple stood. When that covenant was broken by the king and the people then the nation started on its downward way to destruction [1 Kings 11: 1-11].

In our nation the church is not dependent on the state nor the state on the church. But the principles of the old Hebrew law are wrought into our statutes and are the standards of righteousness by which we judge one another. We trust one another in society because we believe the people acknowledge obedience to this law, and because society is suffused with that love to others which the Son of God taught and illustrated.

2. *The place of prayer.* Read the dedicatory prayer of Solomon [1 Kings 8: 22-52] to see what the temple was built for. The people did not pray in it, for it was a little structure. But wherever they were they turned toward it when they lifted their thoughts to God.

They looked to the temple when they pleaded a righteous cause against the wicked. The temple reassured them of the watchful care of God who kept covenant with his servants who walked before him with all their heart.

They looked to the temple when they confessed their sins and were moved by a power above as well as within them to abandon their wickedness and to live as honorable men and women should live.

They looked to the temple when they felt that resolutions to abandon sin and live holy lives would fail them while the taint of their evil deeds and the impulse to unholy passion remained with them: and they sought forgiveness with confidence that grew as they gazed toward the house where God had manifested himself in a cloud of glory that filled it.

They looked to the temple for deliverance from calamity before which alone they found themselves helpless. When wicked neighbors wronged them [vs. 31, 32]; when their enemies assaulted and smote them down [vs. 33, 34, 44, 45]; when their harvests failed because of drought

[vs. 35, 36]; when famine, pestilence and war threatened them [vs. 37-40], they sought God, and they found him because the temple witnessed to them that he had made a covenant with them, that his law must be obeyed, but that he would forgive those who were penitent.

3. *The bond of unity for the nation.* It was because the people of Israel had one God and one law and that these were represented to them by one building which they all could see, that they held together in the midst of nations far more numerous and far better equipped with armies and implements of war. When they went after other gods and adopted other religions and accepted other moral standards than those in the ark that stood in the most holy place, then the temple fell into decay and the nation also. The people came to distrust one another. They had no common place of meeting where they disclosed to one another their hearts and purposes. They would have fallen into factions if they had been undisturbed from without.

4. *The witness for God to other nations.* While they kept their covenant the people believed the promise of God. While they believed it they made the temple the center of their life. Then their patriotism was strong, it seemed to them a noble thing to be alive and maintain the nation. They testified to all the nations that Jehovah, who maintained their cause, was the one God and that there was no other.

The Christian church is our temple of God. The Hebrew temple was made sacred by the ark of the covenant in it. The church is made sacred by the body of believers in Christ who worship in it. Those who look on it as a place with a pulpit for a preacher to stand in, who measure their obligation to it by the degree of satisfaction they take in the sermon, miss its meaning. The church stands for the covenant of God with our nation. It is the magnet which draws the people together in a sense of dependence on God, intensified in times of distress or peril, exalted when they are moved to thanksgiving for deliverance and for prosperity. It is the altar where the holiest emotions are kindled, where

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## The Conversation Corner

### Children's Prize Letters

#### SOME BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS

I have just finished *Beautiful Joe*, by Marshall Saunders. I like it because it tells how animals can be patient, and devoted to people whom they love, as well as we can. Every boy and girl that reads *Beautiful Joe* ought to be more kind to animals. I like fairy tales, but Timothy's Quest, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch and The Birds' Christmas Carol are more like true stories, and I like them better than imaginary stories.

Oberlin, O.

ELIZABETH G. (9 years.)

Of all the books I have read, I recommend *Black Beauty* because it tells how a horse is treated unkindly and how he feels about it. It also teaches us that dumb animals have feelings just as much as we have, though they do not express them.

Newton Center, Mass. FANNY C. (12 years.)

I like *Friends and Helpers* very much—a book of stories, poems and photographs of animals (especially cats and dogs), written by Sarah J. Eddy. I like it because it tells how to treat animals and birds.

Bridgton, Me.

RUTH L. (9 years.)

William J. Long's *School of the Woods*. I like this book because it tells what he saw different animals and birds do in the wilderness. It teaches us to be kind to animals, but some you can't like; Kagax, the weasel, hunts just for the love of killing. The first chapter is on The Way to School. It tells how mother animals teach their young. Another chapter is What the Fawns must know. They must know when to lie still, and when to follow the white flag. That is the mother's tail lifted up, when she runs away from danger. A Lazy Fellow's Fun is about Unk Wunk, the porcupine. He was full of beechnuts, and rolled down hill and got his spines all stuck with leaves to frighten other animals. I cannot tell you all about the book; read it, and find out about the rest.

Andover, Mass.

GAYLORD G. (9 years.)

Last summer I enjoyed *School of the Woods*, about the animals of the woods and the birds of the air. At the last it gives a very beautiful description of the death of the animals. It tells about the fawns, and the moose with its big antlers, and about the writer meeting a bear on a path on a mountain side, where there was water below and a steep precipice above. The man does not want to go back and the bear does not want to go either. So there they stay until the bear gets tired of waiting and climbs a tree near by to the cliff above. Then the man goes on his way up the path.

Alma, Kan.

KENNETH K. (10 years.)

*School of the Woods*. My book contains 364 pages and more than 200 illustrations. As I read I almost forget that I am not in the wild kindergarten myself. I am reading my book the fourth time. My favorite chapter is about the mother and her fawns; how she teaches them to obey and escape danger. The School for little Fishermen is taught by the fishhawk. A lively time they have on the lake! No merits are given for catching dead fish, still-water fish, nor for luck, but only for catching a nimble fellow right out of the surf. The hero of the book is Umquenawit, the mighty (the moose), "lord of the wilderness" and never afraid. I wanted to tell you about The Partridge's Roll Call, Mooween, the bear, and many others, but you must just read it yourself, Mr. Martin—I know you would like it.

Appleton City, Mo.

LOUIE W.

Of all the books I have read I think I like best Thompson-Seton's *Wild Animals I Have Known and Lives of the Hunted*. When I read those books it seems as though I could see Lobo and Blanca, Toto, who was a bob-tailed coyote, Silverspot, who taught the young crows, Redruff, who took care of his motherless children, the Pacing Mustang and Krag, the Kootenay ram. Then there was Raggy-lug, whose left ear was bitten by a snake, and Johnny Bear and Grumpy, his mother. There was only one of the animals that I did not like, and that was Wully, because he wasn't an honest dog.

Brookfield Center, Ct. DWIGHT F. (9 years.)

#### SOME OLD-TIME BOOKS

I want to recommend to you *The Pilgrim's Progress*, whose author is John Bunyan. It is about the adventures of a man named Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. Once he passed two lions, once he fought with Apollyon, and once he passed two giants named Pope and Pagan. Once he was put in a dungeon by Giant Despair, from which he escaped by a key called Promise. His friend Faithful was burned at the stake. I like it because it is an exciting and beautiful book.

Arnold's Mills, R. I.

MARIAN T. (9 years.)

Of all the books I have read I like *Robinson Crusoe* the best. It is written by Daniel Defoe. It relates the adventures of a young man who was shipwrecked and cast on a desert island and encountered two earthquakes; and how he captured

Friday, a native of a neighboring island, and when sailing around the coast in a small boat he rescued a party of nine men who had been shipwrecked for ten days and how they helped him build a big boat and returned home.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

SHELDON S.

There is one book I like so well I am reading it for the fourth time. It is *Swiss Family Robinson*, by Johann Rudolph Wyss. It is about a family who were shipwrecked. The father, mother and four boys were the only ones not drowned. They made a boat out of eight half-casks nailed to some planks, and loaded it with provisions, guns, ammunition, tools and canvas. Then they rowed to an uninhabited island near by. Their first home was in a tent made of sails. One night they were attacked by jaguars. Fritz shot one but the mother was so frightened they moved to another home up in an enormous tree. In the rainy season they lived in a big cave. The boys tamed a flamingo, a monkey, and an ostrich. Jack taught the ostrich to carry him on its back. I like this book because the boys had so many exciting adventures.

Elgin, Ill.

RALPH L. (10 years.)

I think the best book I have read is *Little Women*. It is about four sisters, Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth March. I liked Jo best. The author is Miss L. M. Alcott. It is supposed to be Miss Alcott and her sisters—she is Jo. Laurie, the boy, was rich. It was a very nice book.

Machias, Me.

ANGELINE D.

*Little Women* is my favorite book. I have read it six times and each time have found something new in it. I like it because the people in it are so cheerful in their trials. Jo learns to control her

fairy story. Griselda was a motherless child who came to live with her aunts. Here she made the acquaintance of the cuckoo who lived in the clock. The cuckoo took Griselda to many places, as the Land of the Nodding Mandarin, Butterfly Land, and to the Other Side of the Moon. Then there were Griselda's two aunts; Mr. Kneebreeches, her tutor; Doreas, the servant, and Phil and his mother. I am sure this would please any little girl who likes fairy tales or the story of a girl's life.

Hyde Park, Mass.

MABEL B.

I have read many interesting books this year, but liked none better than *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch*, by Alice Caldwell Hegan. I liked it because Mrs. Wiggs was so original, and because it is both funny and pathetic, so that one feels like laughing one minute and crying the next. Mrs. Wiggs was so unselfish and cheerful. She was always ready to divide her last loaf with her neighbor, and a favorite saying was, "Looks like ever' thing in the world comes right, if we jes' wait long enough!"

Sunderland, Mass.

EDITH H.

#### SOME OTHER BOOKS

This summer I read a book entitled *A Strong Arm and a Mother's Blessing*, by Elijah Kellogg. It told about a young man whose father broke down, and the young man left home to earn money for the family, and his mother gave him her blessing when he left home. He went to Portland, Me., earning his board on the way. Soon after he earned enough to go West; he came home, and all the family went West. The young man had a fine farm and prospered all because of his strong arms and his mother's blessing.

Canton, S. D.

WILLIAM H. (12 years.)

One of the most important books I ever read is *His Steps*, written by Charles M. Sheldon. This book has drawn in my mind a clear conception of the necessity of walking in the Steps of Christ. If this was carried out there would certainly exist a paradise on earth. It teaches the evil effect of participating in anything contrary to the will of God. It shows how one may be prospered if he arrange his business in the way he thinks Christ would conduct it should He occupy the same position. I wish more of our young people would read this book.

Flisk Univ., Nashville, Tenn.

CALVIN MCK.

A publisher gave me an unpublished book to read—*The Door in the Book*, by Charles Barnard. It is the style of Alice in Wonderland. A little girl enters the Bible by an imaginary door and becomes acquainted with the familiar children of the Bible, like Joseph, Isaac, the sister of Moses [What was her name?—Mr. M.], Ishmael, David, the little maid of Syria, Samuel and the son of the Shunamite woman. I liked the part about Joseph best. But the whole book was most enjoyable because it is such an easy, pleasant way of getting to know the children of the Bible better. The book will be ready before Christmas.

Brookline, Mass.

CAROL K. (11 years.)

I have read a book entitled *Little Miss Boston*, by H. A. Cheever. It was about a little motherless girl who lived with Marm Hitchens and Mrs. Lunt. They treated "Tid" badly. She ran away from them and wandered about the streets till one night she came to a house and saw an opening into the cellar. She squeezed into this and crept up stairs and came to a room with a little bed in it. When the people came home she told them the whole story of her life and they said she could live with them, and she was very happy. She named herself Miss Bessie Boston. I like the book because this little girl had such good manners.

Michigan City, Ind.

RUTH M. (8 years.)

The book which I like is *Four Winds Farm*, by Mrs. Molesworth. It was so called because the East, North, South and West winds met there. Little Gratian Conyfer who lived at Four Winds Farm was an imaginative boy, and the winds were his friends and helpers. The East and North winds were for reproof, as opening his window in the morning when he should be up. The West and South winds were for his encouragement when he was discouraged at school. One night he heard in bed the winds talking about his wasting time, and after that he noticed that he was behind others of his age at school, and realized that he must work if he was to do any good.

Somerville, Mass.

RUTH F.

The *Little Crusaders*, by Eva A. Madden, is a lovely book for all children to read. It is all about the children's crusade and the boy who got up the Crusade, and the experiences of a rich little girl who joined it. The author has taken such an interesting and uncommon subject and put it in such a nice way.

Belleville, Newark, N. J.

CHARLOTTE W. (10 years.)

[I left out a lot of letters, because the page was full. They were beautiful letters, too, every one entitled to the prize, Committee or no Committee!—D. F.]

### The Prize Letters and the Award

Here are the book letters—just as many of them as D. F. can possibly crowd in. Two or three nice ones exceeded the limit in length. The boy's prize is awarded to Gaylord G., Andover, Mass., and the girl's prize to Margaret K., Cambridge, Mass. If I had had my way there would have been about a dozen best boys, and two dozen best girls!

Mr. Martin

temper, Amy is selfish but learns to think of others, Beth is the peacemaker, Meg wishes to live in the lap of luxury but has to be contented with being poor. I have never seen any of the newer books that I would like to read as many times as *Little Women*.

Antrim, N. H.

CARRIE K.

I have been much interested in a book named *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens. It was written to let the public know of the poverty and misery in London. It describes London, the workhouse system and many London characters. The people I liked best were Dr. Losberne, Mr. Brownlow, Mr. Grimwig, Nancy, and above all Oliver himself. Those that did not please me were Mr. and Mrs. Bumble, Monks, the Artful Dodger, and most of all Fagin and Bill Sikes.

Toronto, Canada.

JAMES P. (11 years.)

#### SOME LATER FAVORITES

A book which I like very much indeed is *Jolly Good Times at Hackmatack*, by Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith—the more because Hackmatack is a small town near us. [I wonder if it isn't Warwick!—Mr. M.] We have spent our last two summers there, trying to find the places mentioned. It is about the family of Parson Strong seventy years ago. Becky and Dan are characters. The story describes the Singing School, the Spelling Bee, the moving of the Parson's house, the building of a new church, Becky's ride to Boston, and other happy incidents. A sequel to the book is called *More Good Times at Hackmatack*.

Orange, Mass.

CHARLOTTE K.

All the Young Puritan books are splendid, but the *Young Puritans of Old Hadley* is the very spiciest one. Mary P. Wells Smith is the author and she lives in Greenfield. In those old times they used to wear "sad-colored clothes," and thought bright colors were sinful. Hannah had a red ribbon which she used to admire secretly, but when her mother discovered it she burned the "scarlet gewgaw." Prudence is the nicest girl in the book. I wish she were alive now. Pelatiah was always in mischief. One time in church he pinched little Nathan who was asleep. Nathan jumped up, tipped over the bench and called right out loud, "Something stingeth me, mother!"

Cambridge, Mass. MARGARET K. (9 years old.)

One of the most interesting books I have read is the *Cuckoo Clock* by Mrs. Molesworth. It is about the everyday life of a little girl, but is also a kind of

## Children's Fiction as an Introduction to Life

By Isaac Ogden Rankin

Many a little child will listen with delight while Jack kills giant after giant, or David slings the stone and cuts off Goliath's head, or Samson slaughters hundreds of Philistines. He will refuse to listen to a tenderly pathetic story of the illness and death of another little child. It is not pain or death he is unwilling to hear about, but death and pain brought out of imaginary realms into the close contact of his own familiar world. To put the contrast as instructively as we can, let us imagine a perfectly normal and healthy but sensitive child revelling for an hour in the slaying of dragons or the victories, with tremendous slaughter, of some magic, legendary or Scriptural hero; and then taken without warning, to the deathbed of a playmate or a brother. Would he not receive a shock, the memory of which even a lifetime of experience might not wholly overcome?

These are the facts, undisputed and indisputable. Healthy children of tender age in civilized homes revolt from stories which make pathetic use of human suffering and death, especially when they relate to people in conditions of life with which they are familiar. But suffering and death without pathos, broadly treated as background or incident in a fiction world which they recognize as imaginary, only add a zest to their enjoyment. There is evidently an underlying principle here which may be of use in the supervision of our children's education, shaping not only our decision about the books they are to hear or read, but also our plans for making them acquainted with the shadow side of earth's life. For sooner or later it must be our necessity, if not our desire, to show them that within as well as without the guarded walls of the home, suffering and death exist as necessary elements of human experience.

What then are the conclusions which we are to draw from the child's sensitiveness to immediate contact with death and sorrow, and his indifference to them in the fiction world where his imagination loves to dwell? Not, surely, the conclusion which so many unwise mothers draw, that little children are to have no introduction to the shadow side of life. That is not fair to the child, who needs to become acquainted with a true and not a false proportion of human experience. It involves, also, the grave risk of a sudden and overwhelming discovery which would cause acute suffering. It is cruel to bring up children in a fool's paradise of artificial sunshine and hothouse flowers.

Nor may we draw the opposite conclusion that knowledge of the cruelties and sufferings of the world, of sin and death, is to be forced in all its hard reality upon the mind of a little child in order that the unfledged soul may be hardened for its battles. That dire necessity of crowded tenements can never be the model for more happily situated homes. The true conclusion is that a large share of a little child's acquaintance with the realities of life, including especially its sorrowful realities, should be made in the sphere of the imagination.

The thought of death, which in the pathetic story overwhelms the child with a sudden sense of helplessness and fear, in the fairy tale, fable or adventure story drops into its true place and proportion as a normal incident of life. Jack and the Beanstalk, Robinson Crusoe, the Arabian Nights are wholesome interpreters of life and enlargers of knowledge for little children. The pathetic modern story and the old Sunday school library books, with their wrongly proportioned pictures of too frequently anæmic life and mawkish piety, are morbid, unwholesome and rightly distasteful to the minds of healthy children.

Even a story which is not consciously pathetic may in the hard accuracy of its pictures do harm to the mind of an imaginative child. For the child needs to possess himself of all the elements of life, but does not need that all shall at once be brought into close contact with his own personal experience in the small circle where thought and feeling are so intense and vivid. For the rest he must gather knowledge at arm's length in that sphere of the imagination which, from the first days of knowledge, becomes an exercise ground of thought and feeling and a spirited and wholesome interpreter of life.

Objections to this conclusion will be made from various quarters, and consideration of some of them will help to confirm its value. It will be said that imaginative fiction cannot be an interpreter of life because the scenes which it depicts are unreal and impossible. There are no giants, dragons, fairies or wandering princes nowadays, and, even if there were, the child's real experience can have nothing to do with them. But this is the very reason why these stories are the best introduction for children to the facts of death and suffering. They delight and feed the child's imagination as no realistic tales can do, but also—and this is the essential point—they depict human life in its breadth so that the child can grasp it. If there were no humanity in these tales they would long ago have been forgotten. Their very remoteness is their safety, for they can bring neither shock nor sorrow to unhardened sensibilities. In fact, if there were no fairy tales we would be compelled to invent them, just to secure this combination of remoteness, charm and robust handling of the facts of death and pain.

Another objector tells us that we must not allow the child's pleasure in these fictions because they are not true. "Shall we allow our children to delight in lies?"

This is nonsense, of course, but it is mischievous nonsense. Many a child of the Puritans has grown up with a starved imagination and an impoverished life because his guardians never took the pains to distinguish between truth and fact. The incidents of Christ's parables may, or may not have been facts, but they are eternally true to human nature and God's will. The incidents and characters of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* were never facts; but they are true to the laws which Bunyan made for his allegory. Cinder-

ella and Little Red Riding Hood are not biographies, but they are true to the laws of the fairy tale. Truth in fiction is not conformity to fact—no healthy child ever imagines it to be so—but it is conformity to the game which the story-teller and the child are playing, just as truth in chess is conformity to the complicated and artificial rules of the pieces and their moves.

A third objector would refuse these folk and fairy tales because they are full of crudities and cruelties. "Why not," he asks, "give the child stories of real life which shall introduce death and sorrow in true proportion and yet without crudity and cruelty?"

The answer is that life is cruel and the child's imagination crude. It is necessary both to represent life in its real proportions and to interest the child. If you draw the ways of men just as they are in the sphere of the child's own experience, you either shock his mind or pass beyond his range of knowledge. If you refine and select, you cease to be true to life. In a word, you must pass over to the sphere of the fairy tale or fail to combine interpretation and charm.

I conclude, therefore, that fiction is the best interpreter of life for little children and that the first acquaintance with the hard facts of human experience is to be acquired in the world of the imagination. At this stage of life, folk and fairy tales are wholesome and necessary, while pathetic stories of real life are as unwholesome as they are disagreeable. Even tales of sheltered life are, in my own opinion, of doubtful value. What the child needs is a robust handling of the whole of life with a due proportion of death and villainy, having their moral in the body of the story and not attached as a tail. This need the wisdom of the ages and of every nation has supplied in folk and fairy tales. The child's delight proves once more an index to his need and opportunity.

### Two Faithful Laymen

Two veterans in the service of Boston Congregationalism passed on to their reward last week. Mr. Anthony S. Morss, who was eighty-one years old, had for more than half a century been connected with the old First Church, Charlestown, and much of that time one of its officers. He had been engaged in the hardware business on Commercial Street since 1844. He served the city and state in various public trusts and honored by his faithful life the whole body of churches.

Hon. Ezra A. Stevens was in another branch of the same trade as that of Mr. Morss. He died at his home in Malden, Nov. 24, at the age of seventy-six. Mr. Stevens engaged in business in Boston in 1870, coming from Portsmouth, N. H., where he had served the school board and had represented the city in the state legislature. In Malden he soon became prominent in public affairs and twice was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was for a long time a deacon in the First Congregational Church and was a corporate member of the American Board.

Both these honored brethren had been members of the Boston Congregational Club for a quarter of a century and it is our impression that they were in it from its beginning.



## Closet and Altar

THE CHILDLIKE HEART

*And He called a little child, and set him in the midst of them and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn and become as little children ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

I very often think, with sweetness and longings and pantings of soul, of being a little child, taking hold of Christ, to be led by him through the wilderness of this world.—*Jonathan Edwards.*

God made a little child; so fair he was  
The angels might have learnt of him a grace;  
Nor gall nor guile were in him; heart and face

One image bore of innocence. Alas!  
That e'er to evil aught so pure should pass.

Long years rolled by, and of the child no trace

Was left, save in Love's memory; in his place

A man self-doomed, viewing hell as through a glass.

Ashes for beauty! for the light of day  
Dark dreams, strange wanderings into regions sad.

Then God took pity on His work defiled,  
And, seeing that in himself no power he had  
Of resurrection from the mire and clay,  
God changed him back into a little child.

—*The Quiver.*

O my Father, if I but felt assured that I should be a little child, then would I never mourn the loss of my first childhood, nor fear the coming on of my old age.—*Norman Macleod.*

Childlikeness, in its Scriptural sense, is a perfectness of trust, a resting in a Father's love, a being borne on in its power, living in it—it means a simplicity which resolves all into the one idea of lowly submissiveness to One in whom it lives; a buoyancy of spirit which is a fountain of joy in itself, always ready to spring forth afresh brightly and happily to meet the claims of the present hour; . . . a resting contented in one's lot, whatever that lot may be; a singleness of intention; a pliancy, a yielding of the will, a forgetfulness of self in another's claims.—*T. T. Carter.*

The reason why you do not trust Him more is that you obey Him so little. If you would only ask what God would have you to do, you would soon find your confidence growing.—*George Macdonald.*

O Lord, we thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to babes and to the weak and simple of the earth. Thou art unsearchable and yet the child's heart may know and dwell with Thee. Thy words are deep, so that the wisest man cannot read all of their meaning, and yet they speak to the hearts of Thy little ones so that they hear and trust. Keep us from the false subtleties of the world's wisdom, that we may feed upon Thy pure word in childlike faith. Suffer us not to cumber our lives with many burdens, but may we be content with such things as Thou hast provided, looking unto Thee as our true joy and wealth. So may our hearts be at peace in the midst of the world's troubles through the indwelling of Thy Spirit and the faith of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Happy Consummation in Boston Congregationalism

BY SAMUEL B. CAPEN

For nearly twenty years we have been discussing in various forms the general question of church extension in Boston vicinity. An address was given on this subject before the Congregational Club as long ago as 1885. We considered it again in 1890 and 1892. The underlying thought in all these discussions has been a feeling of dissatisfaction with our present organizations and with what we were doing practically. As has been pointed out many times, our Boston churches have been organized in three conferences and the men in each conference almost never meet the men in the other two. Although living in the same city we are practically strangers. The thought continually in mind in these repeated discussions has been somehow to get closer together. For a little time we had a joint committee of three each from three different organizations to have in some sense an oversight over this territory, and propose plans when anything needed to be done to strengthen our denominational interests. There was, however, little practical result from this method. It did not originate in the churches and was not in close touch with them.

About ten years ago, however, a movement was started which has by regular evolution brought us to the present happy consummation. At one of the meetings of the Congregational Club, in 1892, a member proposed the forming of a new association with two objects in mind, Municipal Reform and Church Extension in Greater Boston. The time seemed ripe and in a few weeks the Pilgrim Association was formed of the pastors and a few laymen from each of the city churches. This association for a year or two had before it this twofold work, and held public meetings. It was decided, however, to divide this work, turning over that which had to do with civic matters to the new Municipal League and that which related to church extension to another new organization to be called the Congregational Union of Boston and Vicinity. The Pilgrim Association thus completed its mission and was disbanded. The new Congregational Union had not only a real mission but it happily enlisted the interest and enthusiasm both of older and younger men, such as S. C. Darling, S. C. Bushnell, C. E. Kelsey, S. B. Carter, Charles Liffier, E. S. Woodbury, H. A. Bridgman and a number of others.

Without any noise or flourish of trumpet this organization has been most useful, helping to plant and foster several enterprises which are now most hopeful. To strengthen this work and to bring it into still closer touch with the churches, and at the same time bring the Congregational churches in our three conferences closer together, this new Union Conference has been now formed. To Rev. W. R. Campbell especially our churches are under great obligations for this new plan. The five commissioners appointed are the representatives through the conferences of all the churches, and having the Congregational Church Union as its agent, are in a position to do what needs to be done as no other body has ever been able to do in the past.

When the Leyden Congregational Church was organized in Brookline in November, 1896, I had the honor to convey to it the greetings of the Boston Congregational Church Union, and to say that "when there are new sections being built over, should not the churches as a whole through the union be interested to see that the new chapel is provided speedily? If I may borrow an illustration, suppose in our late Civil War, instead of the states putting their troops together and making one army to be moved and used as a whole and for the whole, each state had had its own. By and by the loyal men in the army of Maryland are beaten back by the invaders and drift northward. But we say: 'Shame, go back to

your post, we have men enough now to defend New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. No matter if your place is not so comfortable, go back. Where is your patriotism?' 'But,' cry the brave fellows, 'we are starved out.' 'That is unfortunate,' we reply, 'but every state must defend itself and we do not need you here and we do not want you here.' No, we did not fight our war through to a success in that way. We had one army and one common interest, and we won by pooling our issues and keeping together. We shall conquer our cities for Christ when our churches no longer look out chiefly for themselves, but when we get together, and in harmony and co-operation with sister denominations, fight as a unit the one foe." What was said seven years ago is a truth which, I believe, ought to be emphasized today.

The organization of this new Union Conference with its five commissioners is to most of us a happy consummation, after nearly twenty years of discussion and growth. The fear of centralization which exists in a few minds is, I think, unnecessary. Our perils in this vicinity have been in laying too great emphasis upon our independency; it is a hopeful sign when we can so heartily get closer together. The local church will ever in the last analysis be its own master to do as it will, and we need not fear any body of commissioners who can be turned out of office in one short year. May the president of the old Pilgrim Association, and an officer in the Congregational Union from the beginning, be allowed to give this motto for the new Union Conference and its commissioners, "Formed to serve."

## Biographical

REV. HENRY W. PARKER

Fifty years ago, Henry Webster Parker, then a young man thirty-one years of age, gathered the nucleus of what is now one of Brooklyn's strongest churches. Though not installed, he was then recognized pastor; and Central Church owes him much for his two years of faithful service. Dr. Parker has now passed to his reward, and his funeral services were conducted last week at Flushing, L. I., by Central's present pastor, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. Dr. Parker's pastorates included churches in Aurora, N. Y., and New Bedford, Mass. The last years of his life were spent in teaching and in editorial work.

The report of the centennial celebration of Mont Vernon, N. H., has been printed and can be procured for twenty-five cents from W. B. Rotch, Milford, N. H. The pamphlet is enriched with scenes in the picturesque town and by portraits of the speakers, which accompany their addresses. Those by Rev. C. C. Carpenter and Mr. H. Porter Smith are full of bright and tender memories of special interest to all interested in the Mont Vernon church.

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## The Daily Portion

THE HANDBOOK BIBLE READINGS

BY ISAAC OGDEN RANKIN

Dec. 6, Sunday. *Diverse Gifts—One Spirit.*—1 Cor. 12: 4-30.

Variety in unity is the human ideal as unity in variety is the divine purpose. By what seems a paradox, it is to be attained through the development of individuality. The body of Christ is larger than we dream. We help God most when we use to the full the special talents he has given. The best Christian is most himself in order to serve others.

Dec. 7. *The Law of Love.*—1 Cor. 12: 31; 13: 1-13.

Spiritual ambition can only be satisfied by love. "The good is the enemy of the best." Many a man has set his heart upon gifts of service and failed because he forgot the informing spirit of love which alone can make them great. An unloving preacher may win admiration; but never self-surrender. Without love "I am nothing." In these negatives and positives Paul builds up a picture, still practical for men in every walk of life. Love cannot grow apart from recognition of the brotherhood. And it absorbs and completes at last the highest virtues of our individual half-vision, faith and hope.

Dec. 8. *Paul's Gospel.*—1 Cor. 15: 1-11.

This is an enlargement of the two-word creed of 1 Cor. 1: 23, "Christ crucified." The new element is the resurrection, already suggested, since the short creed implies a living Christ. Paul believed in the organic connection of the old revelation and the new. Christ is not isolated in time. Note the emphasis upon the witnesses of Christ's resurrection. These beliefs were cast as leaven into the Roman world. Nor has our human thinking through the centuries been able to get behind or beyond them.

Dec. 9. *Christ's Resurrection.*—1 Cor. 15: 12-29.

Our Lord's sacrifice for sin is complete, but not his work for sinners. He has still to finish his work within the church before he can present it, "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Such a work requires a living Christ. Note that in Ephesians he presents this holy Church to himself, here to the Father. Christ is the first fruits—humanity's harvest offering to God. Without his resurrection we have conjectures and hopes of immortality—nothing more. All beyond the grave is of promise and of hope. We believe that we shall live in him.

Dec. 10. *The Risen Body.*—1 Cor. 15: 30-49.

To each seed a body of its own. The law of appropriateness, of adaptation to environment, governs the life to come. We shall have a real body, human, because we are men; a body, conditioned, but not cramped, by the attainments of our mortal bodies. Until we know the environment it is idle to speculate upon the nature and powers of the spirit's instrument. Other creatures seem to have senses of which we know nothing, why may not the risen body have twenty senses as well as six?

Dec. 11. *Putting on Incorruption.*—1 Cor. 15: 50-58.

Put aside the sad associations of these words, so often heard in sorrow, and read them as a pledge of immortality. Why should God's children weep for victory? Practical always, and intent on righteousness, Paul turns from this burst of triumphant expectation to urge patience and energy.

Dec. 12. *Longing for His People.*—Phil. 1: 1-11.

Paul had all his spiritual children "in his heart" like a good pastor, but chiefly these people of Philippi. Here Europe opened to him as a field for Christ. Here he suffered and made friends who alone were admitted to be helpers of his purse. Note the personal tone all through this epistle.

## Boys and Girls

"I'm awful glad I'm not a girl,"

Said John,

"To wear a skirt and shake my curls,  
And tie pink ribbons on.

"I'm awful glad I am a boy,"

Said John,

"To play baseball, be sensible,  
And have a gun."

"Pshaw, I don't care," Belinda said,

"Maybe I'll wed an earl!

Besides, its much more ladylike

To be a girl."

—Florence Wilkinson, in *Kings and Queens.*

## Meetings and Events to Come

BOSTON MINISTERS' MEETING, Pilgrim Hall, Dec. 7, 10.30 A. M.; subject, Possibilities of the Printed Page; speakers, Rev. H. A. Bridgman and Dr. E. M. Bliss.

## Marriages

The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.

CUTLER—METCALF.—In Ashland, Mass., Nov. 25, by Dr. F. E. Emrich, Rev. Frederick M. Cutler, of Edgartown, and Lillian M. Metcalf.

DUNBAR—SANBORN.—In Ma. nolia, Mass., Nov. 16, by Rev. M. W. Stackpole, E. W. Dunbar and Bessie H. Sanborn, both of Magnolia.

WHITNEY—WRIGHT.—In Boston, Mass., Nov. 18, by Rev. George F. Wright, Simeon J. Whitney and Annie E. Wright.

## Deaths

The charge for notices of deaths is twenty-five cents. Each additional line ten cents, counting eight words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice.

EVERY—In Athol, Mass., at the home of his son, Rev. William F. Avery, aged nearly 77 yrs. He had held pastorates in Sparta, Wis., Lanesboro and Huntington, Mass., and Middlebury, Ct.

EVERY—In Wayne, Pa., Sept. 14, Curtis Lord Avery, in his ninety-fourth year. Born in Groton, Ct., June 1, 1810, in 1833 he went to Mansfield, O., and entered upon mercantile life. Always anti-slavery he was one of the founders of the First Congregational Church in Mansfield—in 1835—and for thirty years a prominent member. He was active in assisting escaping slaves, and in the Civil War gave his only son to the service of his country. In 1864 the son died on the James River. In 1866 Mr. Avery removed to Springfield, O., but did not engage in business. The last twelve years of his life were spent at Wayne, Pa. He often said he was only waiting the Master's call. He was buried at Mansfield, O., Sept. 18, 1903. "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

BINGHAM—In Honolulu, H. I., Minerva B., wife of Dr. Hiram Bingham, aged 69 yrs. For more than forty-six years Dr. and Mrs. Bingham have been missionaries of the American Board.

MILLS—In Montclair, N. J., Nov. 3, suddenly, George H. Mills, aged 78 yrs.

MILLS—In Montclair, N. J., Nov. 14, Mary B., widow of George H. Mills and daughter of the late Peter Smith of W. Andover.

OSGOOD—In Bluehill, Me., Nov. 16, Rev. Edward R. Osgood, aged 78 yrs.

SEWALL—In Burlington, Mass., Nov. 16, Samuel Sewall, son of the late Rev. Samuel Sewall, aged 83 yrs., 11 mos., 18 dys. He was descended from Judge Samuel Sewall and Rev. Joseph Sewall of the Old South, and from Rev. Henry Dunster of Harvard College. Three of his ancestors were ministers of the church in Burlington and he served as deacon for a long period and as church clerk for thirty-four years.

WATTS—In Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 11, Albert Watts, senior deacon and for over thirty-four years a faithful member of First Church, Atlanta.

## REV. ROBERT GEORGE STEPHEN McNEILLE

Rev. R. G. S. McNeille, a well-known Congregational clergyman, died at Roselle, N. J., Oct. 19. He was born in Philadelphia, April 1, 1841, and graduated from Yale in 1863. After leaving college he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Philadelphia. He formed the law partnership of McNeille & Cox, his partner being the late Jesse Cox of Chicago. After a few years he returned to New Haven and graduated at the theological seminary. During his college course he was the founder of the Bethany Mission and superintendent of the Sunday school; and during his seminary course he led the mission of the Center Church, which was organized into the Humphrey Street Church, he being the first pastor. A six years' pastorate in the Porter Church of Brockton, Mass., followed. In 1878 he went to Bridgeport, Ct., and was pastor of the South Church for more than sixteen years. During these pastorates much positive work was accomplished, both in the improvement of the church property and the strengthening of the organizations. Ill health compelled his resignation in Bridgeport, and he sought health in fruit raising in North Carolina. Returning to Connecticut, he was for two years pastor of the church in Unionville, but his health was far from perfect, and he was compelled to relinquish all ministerial work. He removed to Roselle, and for two years has made a home for his family. May 16, 1871, he married Ellen L., daughter of Watson V. Cox of New Haven, who with four sons and one daughter survives him.

Dr. McNeille was a warm and sympathetic friend, a student of remarkable grasp of intellect, a brilliant preacher and an organizer of unusual abilities. His charity was generous and widespread and his hospitality most cordial. He loved European travel and could speak several languages. His friends are everywhere. He had little regard for traditions but a supreme regard for the truth. He was buried Oct. 22, in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven.

J. S. I.

## MRS. W. N. STEVENS

Mrs. Laura Wales Stevens, wife of the late Rev. William N. Stevens, died Nov. 14, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Z. Coles, West Roxbury, Mass.

Mrs. Stevens was born in Hinsdale, Mass., Aug. 1, 1826. Early in life she became an earnest Christian, and united with the Congregational church, Windham, O. At twenty-five, she was married to Rev. W. N. Stevens. They labored in parishes in Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Thirty-six years ago, while pastor of the Congregational church in Rochester, Minn., Mr. Stevens died. Returning to Ohio, Mrs. Stevens took her membership to the church at Windham, and remained in its fellowship until her decease. In April, 1896, she came to West Roxbury to live in the hospitable home of her son-in-law, Mr. H. Z. Coles. With rare tenderness and devotion, her daughters, Mrs. Coles and Dr. Stevens, have ministered to her in her prolonged illness. In personal character, Mrs. Stevens was devoted and courageous. Her Christian life was full of trust and service, which were nobly revealed in her domestic and social relations. She loved the Christian fellowship of the church, and she has left many friends who look upon her as a true saint of God, whose Christian hope has already received some of its ever increasing reward.

P. W. M.

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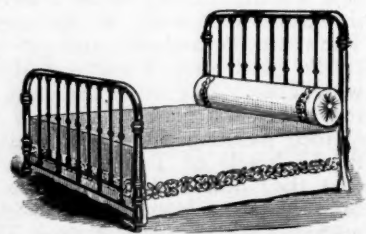
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## Record of the Week

## Calls

AYER, EDW. P., Easton, Ct., to N. Guilford. Accepts.

BAILEY, J. WEBSTER, Plymouth Ch., Ft. Wayne, Ind., to presidency of State C. E. Society. Accepts.

BEALE, CHAS. H., Immanuel Ch., Roxbury, Mass., to Grand Ave. Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.

BENNETT, WM. R., Darlington, Wis., has not accepted the call to Marion, Ind.

CHAMBERLAIN, HORACE W., Priest River, Ida., to Newport, Wb. Accepts, and is at work.

DERRICK, THOS. H., accepts call to McHenry, N. D.

DUFF, CHAS., Toronto, Ont., to Parkdale Ch. Accepts.

EASTMAN, GEO. P., Second Ch., Millbury, Mass., accepts call to Orange, N. J.

EISENHART, WILSON, Richmond, Ky., to Franklin, N. Y. Accepts.

HARDENDORF, CHAS. W., Madrid, N. Y., to East Rockway. Accepts.

HELSER, MRS. MARY A. (lic.), Sargent and Westcott, Neb., to Bruning and Strang. Accepts.

HENDLEY, HARRY B., lately of Stellacoom, Wn., accepts call to Plymouth Ch. and Center St. Mission, Tacoma, and is at work.

HUBBELL, FRED'K M., Elkhorn, Wis., to Mayville, N. D. Accepts.

HUTTON, MILTON L. (Meth.), Blaine, Wn., to Green Lake Ch., Seattle.

JORNS, BENJ., Turtle River, Minn., adds Kelliher and adjacent logging camps to his parish.

JONES, CHAS. A., Kane, Pa., accepts call to home missionary superintendency of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and W. Virginia.

KIMBALL, HARRY W., Skowhegan, Me., accepts call to Union Ch., S. Weymouth, Mass.

LEWIS, THOS. J., E. Andover, N. H., to Second Ch., Conway. Accepts.

MARTIN, GEO. R., Milford, Neb., accepts government appointment to teach in the Philippines, and sails from San Francisco, Dec. 30.

MYERS, NOAH J., Carson City, Mich., to remain another year.

SCARROW, DAVID H., Minneapolis, Minn., to Wabunsee, Kan.

SHERWOOD, JOHN W., Nunica, Mich., to Baldwin. Accepts.

SMITH, J. CHALLEN, Alexandria, Ind., to Redwood, Cal.

SNEATH, ISAIAH W., Franklin, Mass. Accepts call to Grand Ave. Ch., New Haven, Ct.

STEBBINS, ALICE B., Hartford Sem., to Lawnview, Okl. Accepts, and is at work.

TAYLOR, HERBERT, recently of Lake Park, Minn., to Walnut Grove. Accepts.

THISTLETON, ALFRED E., Roxbury, Ct., to Schenectady, N. Y.

TURK, MORRIS H., Wenham, Mass., to First Ch., Natick.

WARNER, CHAS. C., Monticello, Io., to Eldora. Accepts.

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## THIS TESTIMONY

Will surely interest many readers of  
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WATERWORTH, JOHN A., Falmouth, Me., to minister also to N. Deering Ch., Portland. Accepts, and is at work.

WILEY, HORACE S., Dodge Center, Minn., to remain another year.

WOMER, PARLEY P., W. Lebanon, N. H., to Danforth Ch., Syracuse, N. Y.

## Ordinations and Installations

BARNES, JOS. A., i. Helena, Mont. Nov. 15.  
BLISS, ALFRED V., i. Plymouth Ch., Utica, N. Y., Nov. 10. Sermon, Rev. N. Boynton, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. W. T. Edds, Lewis Williams, E. N. Packard, D. D., R. W. Brokaw, D. D.  
DIEFFENBACH, ARTHUR C., o. Imlay City, Mich., Nov. 9.

VOORHEES, J. SPENCER, i. Adams, Mass., Nov. 19. Sermon, Rev. Henry Hopkins, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Drs. W. T. McElveen, W. V. W. Davis, L. Zahner and Mr. F. A. Bagnall.

## Resignations

AYER, EDW. P., Easton, Ct.  
CRAWFORD, CHAS. D., Meadville, Pa.  
DUNHAM, DWIGHT, Jetmore, Kan.  
EASTMAN, GEO. P., Second Ch., Millbury, Mass.  
HERBERT, JOS. E., Troy and Lafayette, Wis.  
HUBBELL, FRED'K M., Elkhorn, Wt.  
KIMBALL, HARRY W., Skowhegan, Me.  
MARTIN, GEO. R., Milford, Neb.  
MCCUAIG, JOS. A. C., Parkdale Ch., Toronto, Ont.  
SNEATH, ISAIAH W., Franklin, Mass.  
WARNER, CHAS. C., Monticello, Io.

## Stated Supplies

BERLE, ADOLPH A., recently of Union Park Ch., Chicago, Ill., at Crombie St. Ch., Salem, Mass., for three months.  
MCDONALD, J. J., Union Sem., at Mayflower Mission, Plymouth Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y., during the missionary year.

## Dismissions

BARTLETT, ERNEST C., Chelmsford Center, Mass., Nov. 23.

## Churches Organized and Recognized

BEVERLY, MASS. (Rial Side), EMANUEL UNION CH., 19 members. Rev. E. H. Byington gave right hand of fellowship to Mr. P. C. Grant of Andover Sem., acting pastor.  
JACKSON, MO., GERMAN CH., 45 members.  
MALTBY, WN., rec. 10 Nov., 11 members, 6 on confession.  
SEATTLE, WN., BEACON HILL, 15 Nov., 17 members.

## Anniversaries

BURLINGTON, IO., sixtieth of ordination of Dr. Wm. Salter, member of the Iowa Band.  
CHAMPAIGN, ILL., First, fiftieth of organization, celebrated Nov. 1, with historical sermon by Rev. F. S. Graff, minister. In anticipation, edifice renovated and partially remodeled, including new art glass windows. The first meeting house welcomed Abraham Lincoln when he made his first speech for John C. Fremont as Republican presidential candidate.  
HELENA, MONT., First, twentieth of organization, Nov. 13-15. Banquet, with historical sketch and addresses by Superintendent-Bell, Rev. Chester Ferris and Rev. J. A. Barnes, the new pastor, whose installation service closed the celebration.

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ORMOND, FLA., Union, Rev. E. W. Butler. Twentieth of organization, Nov. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., First, seventh of the pastorate of Dr. Geo. C. Adams. The property has quadrupled in value, income has outstripped current needs, audiences have become the largest in the city, sharp divisions have been healed, additions to membership have been 535, benevolent gifts \$130,163, home expenses \$95,054.

WATERLOO, IO., sixtieth of ordination of Dr. Ephraim Adams, member of the Iowa Band.

WEST POINT, NEB., Rev. C. A. Gleason. Twentieth, Nov. 11, 12. Rev. Messrs. Geo. Scott, Sam'l Pearson and F. W. Leavitt, all ex-pastors, with Superintendent Bross, participated in the exercises.

WHITING, IO., tenth of organization, celebrated Nov. 8, with sermon by Rev. Geo. Croker, its first pastor.

## Material Gain

ANDOVER, MASS., Free, Rev. F. A. Wilson. Fair netted \$1,900 toward new church building. More central site secured.

ANSONIA, CT., Rev. W. F. Markwick. Organ rebuilt and parsonage grounds improved. Cost, \$3,000. No debt.

ATKINSON, N. H., Rev. G. H. Scott. Audience room and ladies' parlor freshly painted.

BAR MILLS, ME., Rev. W. H. McBride. Exterior of Groveville Ch. painted and new steps built. New furnace put in at Bar Mills.

CLEVELAND, O., Bethlehem, Rev. John Prucha. House of worship newly roofed. Interior frescoed and varnished. Cost, nearly \$900.

FARGO, N. D., First.—Fine parsonage completed for Dr. C. H. Dickinson.

HAMILTON, N. Y., Rev. F. W. Raymond. New Start upright piano for Sunday school room, purchased chiefly through efforts of music section of Young People's League.

LA SALLE, ILL., Rev. A. H. Jordan. Achievements in one month: church redecorated and refurnished; folding chairs for Sunday school; new pulpit Bible; individual communion set—given by the Ladies' Missionary Society after raising money to support a Bible reader in Turkey for a year; fund started toward purchasing new piano for Sunday school rooms.

NORTH ROCHESTER, MASS., Rev. J. P. Trowbridge. Interior painted, walls frescoed, new heating apparatus.

OXFORD, N. Y., Rev. T. W. Harris. \$1,100 raised for repairing church property and fitting parsonage with electric lights.

SOUTH BRISTOL, ME., Union.—Through fair, ladies being assisted by summer people, over \$250 were realized. Weather vane to be placed on steeple, new heating apparatus provided, new underpinning to church building, gallery and stairway finished and carpet for auditorium. Communion table received from Mr. Thomas Gillespie of Philadelphia, supplemented by small donation from Sunday school. Salary of Rev. C. W. Rogers increased \$50, and aid asked from the Maine Missionary Soc. cut down \$50.

TOPEKA, KAN., First.—\$900 raised for reshingling roof and interior repairs. Dr. F. L. Hayes's salary increased \$250.

VOLUNTOWN, CT., Rev. H. M. Kellogg. Edifice newly roofed and all church property freshly painted.

WANTAGH, L. I., Memorial, Rev. T. S. Braithwaite. Addition built to parsonage and other alterations, largely through efforts of Ladies' Aid Soc. and Kings' Daughters. Cost, nearly \$800.

WICHITA, KAN., Plymouth, which seven years ago was helped by the Home Missionary Society, has become the largest giver to the S. S. & Pub. Soc. and to the Kansas H. M. Soc. It has voted to employ an assistant for Dr. C. S. Sargent.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Elliot property purchased for \$25,000 for new church home. Later, new auditorium will be built on corner lot and present building used as chapel. This new church of 128 members has no pastor as yet, but holds regular meetings and does business like a veteran of the Pilgrim faith.

YORKVILLE, ILL., Rev. S. W. Meek. New platforms for pulpit and choir, steel ceiling, new wall decorations, woodwork inside repainted, new carpet and pews. Cost, nearly \$700, to be promptly paid.

## Debts Raised

CARSON CITY, MICH., Rev. N. J. Myers.—\$8,000, largely incurred in rebuilding edifice and installing \$1,500 organ. Celebrated with jubilee service.

GREEN VALLEY, CAL., Rev. W. E. Eckles, retiring pastor. Mortgage of \$500 burned.

LEAD, S. D.—All debts paid, including \$900 to C. C. B. S., some of which not due for five years. Salary of Rev. J. A. Solandt increased \$200.

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## Church Attendance around Central Park

The second section of Manhattan Island was counted for church attendance Nov. 22, and the result demonstrated that conditions are not the same in all parts of the city, the second section showing a better proportionate attendance at Roman Catholic churches and a falling off in Protestant attendance as compared with the upper district, counted previously. The district counted on the 22d comprised, in general, that part of Manhattan Island lying on both sides of Central Park. The population is 384,328 and there are ninety-one places of worship. The attendance was 95,939, of which the seventy-six Protestant churches had 32,921 and the fifteen Catholic 63,018.

The Protestant churches failed by 8,204 of as many attendants as the 41,123 members they claim; while in the first district counted the attendance exceeded membership by over 2,000. Catholic churches in the district made a better showing than those in the upper section of the island. The fifteen churches claim membership of 94,160, and the attendance figures show that there were but 31,143 stay-at-homes. But Catholic membership is considered as Catholic population, while Protestant membership must be multiplied by three and one-half to get population figures. Following this rule the Protestant population of the district is 143,937, and the stay-at-homes are three and one-half times as many as the Catholic. The Manhattan is the only Congregational church in the district, and its attendance was larger than its membership, the respective figures being 296 and 205. The only religious body with a number of churches in the district, having larger attendance than membership, is the Methodist, its figures being nine churches, 3,595 members, 4,255 attendants. Episcopalians with 13 churches and 10,734 members, had 7,596 in attendance. Ten Presbyterian churches with 5,135 members had 4,934 in attendance. Baptists have 11 churches, 6,928 members, and had 6,054 attendants. The total attendance of the district was almost 25 per cent. of the population, exceeding the showing of the first district taken by 2 per cent.

## A Portable House of Worship Occupied

Clermont Park Church held the first service in its new "portable" building last Sunday. Though a frame building, Rev. J. C. Whiting desires it understood that it is in no sense a temporary structure and that the "portable" construction was adopted only to permit sale and removal when the congregation needs a larger edifice. The church and pastor have secured funds and pledges sufficient to assure success, so that there is no debt. The new building is forty-four by twenty-six feet, has porch and vestibule, is lighted by electricity and is churchly in appearance. Mr. Whiting is to be installed Jan. 14.

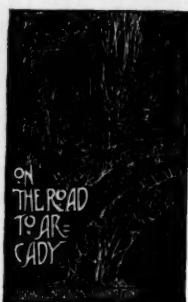
## The Brooklyn Club

A large number of the members and friends of this Congregational Club attended its meeting in the Pouch Gallery last week. The speakers were Dr. Dunning and Dr. Waters, the former telling of Surviving Ideals of Puritanism, and the latter of A Virginia Worshiper at New England Shrines. Dr. Dunning spoke especially of New England home life, saying that whereas other Puritan Ideals have changed, the ideal of the home remains, a picture to be held steadfastly before the young men and maidens of our own time. Dr. Waters compared the early influences in the nation of Virginia and Massachusetts.

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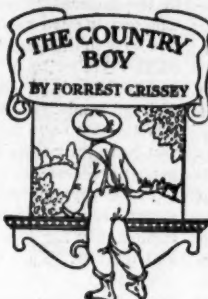
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## In and Around Chicago

### Why Not Longer Pastorates

This question was carefully considered at the Ministers' Meeting by Rev. J. F. Taintor, late of Rochester, Minn. He was with the Rochester church eighteen years, but he thinks a ten years' pastorate is long enough. He found the causes of short terms of service both in pastors and in churches. In general the minister can stay in a church as long as he wishes provided his spirit and preaching are in love and patience. This was the general opinion of the dozen men who took part in the discussion.

### Conference with Pastors

Monday noon, Nov. 23, the pastors of the churches in Chicago and vicinity lunched together in order to report the condition of their fields and to consult with Dr. Noble as to the best way of securing, by the end of the year, the \$100,000 required for the endowment of the City Missionary Society. While the outlook for success is hopeful the gathering was most valuable for revelations of the difficulties with which each church is contending and of the sympathy which the pastors have with each other.

### Memorial Hall at Rockford

A beautiful chapel in memory of the late William A. Talcott has just been dedicated at Rockford Female College. Mr. Talcott was a staunch supporter of the college and for years freely gave his time and thought to it. The memorial is a deserved tribute to one of the most prominent and useful Congregational laymen in the West.

### A New College Extension Lecturer

Prof. Edward A. Steiner of Iowa College is one of the speakers in the Extension Course of the University of Chicago. His subject is the Slavic Peoples. Himself a Russian Jew, his knowledge has been gained at first hand by repeated journeys through the countries of which he speaks. He is now giving a course of five lectures on Monday evenings in South Church.

### Dedication of a New Church

Pacific Church, one of our younger churches, set apart its new house of worship Nov. 22, with all-day services in which Drs. Gunsaulus, D. F. Fox, J. F. Loba, W. A. Bartlett, J. C. Armstrong and W. E. Barton took part. The edifice has cost self-sacrifice, but its possession means far more than larger and costlier buildings mean for older and stronger churches. At the morning service Dr. Armstrong raised \$365; in the afternoon, when Dr. Gunsaulus preached, Dr. Fox raised \$1,000, and in the evening, after every one had given, Dr. McMillen secured \$425 more. This was the real triumph of the day.

### Thanksgiving

Many ministers on Sunday made more direct reference to the strike, and the contest between capital and labor than to the reasons for gratitude for the blessings of the year. Emphasis seems to have been put on the necessity of absolute justice on the part of employers as well as on the part of employees and on the application of the golden rule. In some pulpits the government was criticised for its course in the Philippines and especially for its hasty action in recognizing the Republic of Panama. The critics seem to have overlooked the ability of Secretary Hay and to have forgotten the reputation which the President has acquired for desiring to do right at whatever cost to himself or his administration. **Chicago, Nov. 28. FRANKLIN.**



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### VIII. CHRIST'S TEACHING AND THE MESSAGE OF THE MINISTER TODAY

Man stands in four relations: to the material universe, to his fellowmen, to God, to the future. Christ has taught us our proper attitude in each [Tit. 2: 13, 14].

We must live soberly in our relation to the material universe. One body of reformers would do away with all pleasure. Others would separate pleasure from religion. There were total abstinence societies in Christ's time not applied to drinking only. Christ adopted neither of these theories; yet never did he make his happiness or that of others dependent on worldly pleasures. Things are for people, not people for things; the material universe is to minister to the spiritual nature; use these things, but do not let them use you: This is the preacher's message in an age of unexampled luxury. It is easier to shut things out than to learn how to use them.

Toward our fellowmen we should live righteously. The end of life is service, not accumulation; not only accumulate to serve, but serve while you are accumulating. To lay down a life is not to die, but to live that others may walk on us, if need be, if thereby they may walk into life. This is the gospel to preach to a commercial age.

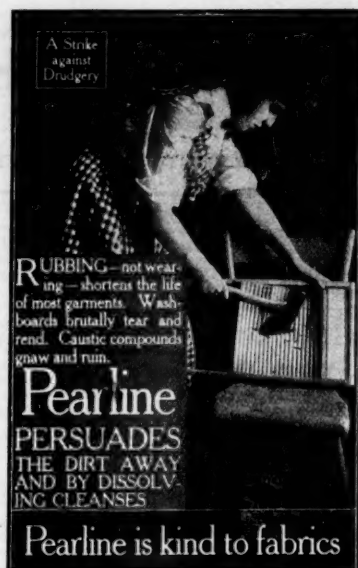
The agnostic lives in ignorance and need have no thought of God; the believer in a blind inexplicable force lives in fear; the believer in a God of justice regulates himself by conscience and duty. Christ says: "God is your Father; I have come to interpret him." Through him men become sons of God because he gave them the opportunity to come into relation with the Father. Here is the message for a skeptical age.

One reason why the Church is not stronger is that it does not look forward. As the Old Testament was a preparation for the incarnate coming of Christ, so the incarnation of God in Christ was the preparation for some other and later coming of God; no man can explain or define it, but every man may look forth with hope to it.

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A New York express clerk injured and terribly burned in the New Jersey Central Westfield wreck a few months ago left the hospital last week, with a third of his body's cuticle made up of the contributions of volunteers who gave 4,200 grafts of skin. Members of the Masonic order, and fellow-employees contributed.

The daughter of a Kansas man seeking a Federal judicial appointment, but against whom charges had been preferred, wrote to her father: "Dear Papa: Why don't you go to the President and tell him about it? If he sees your face he will never believe those nasty charges." A friend, putting evidence favorable to the judge before President Roosevelt, showed him this letter, whereupon the President took a rose from the flowers on his table, and said to the friend, "I wish that you'd send that flower to Miss Lucile and tell her I like a little girl who has that kind of faith in her father."

### Christian News from Everywhere

Reformers in Jamaica are endeavoring to better ethical conditions. Sixty-four per cent. of the children born on the island last year were illegitimate.

The program of the Christian Endeavor Institute, to be held in Philadelphia, Dec. 1-3, is now completed. The parish house of the Holy Trinity Church is to be the place of meeting. The plan includes the coming together of several hundred Endeavor leaders from all parts of the country for consultation as to methods of work and the culture of spiritual life.

The work of Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., of Boston in the South and West, under the auspices of the Evangelistic Committee of the Presbyterian Assembly, has already aroused new interest in Bible study and is thus indirectly promoting the ends of evangelism. Presbyterian pastors of Omaha say that his meetings have affected the city religiously more powerfully than any similar movement for many years. As one result a noon-day prayer meeting for men has been established in the heart of the city.

### A Georgia Gathering

The United Congregational Conference of Georgia met at Woodbury early in November. It was one of the best attended meetings of Congregationalists ever held in the state. With the same number of churches in Georgia as in Chicago the additions have been about the same. The largest number received made a net gain of over seventy at First Church, Columbus, of which Rev. J. T. Farr, a student in the seminary, is pastor.

It was voted unanimously to invite the churches of the South and Southwest to unite in a Southern Congregational Congress. Previous to this action

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The vote was unanimous in favor of the proposed union with Methodist Protestants and United Brethren.

The white churches of Georgia, in the interest of comity, have given over the State Association to the colored churches, though there are about eighty white churches and only about fifteen colored. Congregationalism needs strength, and it has been felt by the leaders that an association of the Southeast would accomplish this end. The United Congregational Conference therefore has become a part of the Florida Association, and the Florida Association proposes to change its name to the General Congregational Association of Florida and the Southeast. Thus both white and colored will have full representation in the National Council without injustice to any.

The conference was favored with fine addresses from Dr. R. A. Beard of the Home Missionary Society and Dr. C. C. Creagan of the American Board. On Sunday each preached to about 900 people. The keynotes of the conference were evangelism and education.

J. E. K.

The new editor of the *Cumberland Presbyterian* bears the name of a great editor. Mr. James Clark made the *London Christian World* an honor to religious journalism. We wish for Rev. James E. Clarke a career as illustrious with the *Cumberland Presbyterian*. He succeeds Dr. Ira Landrith, the new secretary of the Religious Education Association.

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### A New Lease of Life for West Boylston

The dedication of a new edifice at West Boylston, to replace the one to be demolished by the Metropolitan Water Commission to make way for Boston's water supply, gives a new lease of life to the church which has suffered so seriously by this Arcadian removal.

The house of worship, built in 1792 on the Common, was destroyed by lightning in 1831. Meantime a thriving village had sprung up in the valley, and the majority wished to rebuild in this locality. The result was a division between the liberal faction, which rebuilt on the old site, and the conservative, which built in the valley. In time the liberal church grew weaker and ceased to exist, while the church in the valley flourished, until this modern Johnstown flood scattered many of the families and destroyed the village.

Many families and some business firms relocated about the old Common and on the hillsides which will overlook the lake to be. In a few years trolley connections with Worcester will make this a beautiful suburb with comfortable homes. The old liberal society surrendered to the conservative church its site and dilapidated building, and there, where stood the first house of worship, it has erected this new edifice at a cost of over \$12,000, complete and free from debt.

The church is small, having less than 100 enrolled members and little more than half of these resident, but with the town to be, a new history will be made. The successful solution of this difficult problem is largely due to the energy of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Dodge.

Among the interesting features of the dedication was the reading of a letter from Rev. Joseph W. Cross, now ninety-five and the oldest living graduate of Harvard College, for nearly twenty years pastor here.

E. W. P.

### From Barnstable County, Mass.

The spirit of God is breathing on our churches, and though pessimism occasionally finds voice, the note of good cheer prevails. Work for young people in a region being constantly depleted in favor of the city is not at a standstill. Not to speak of other churches, *Harwich*, *Falmouth* and *Dennis* have vigorous Junior Endeavor societies. Five infants have recently been connected with the *Chatham* church by baptism. The pastor at *Provincetown*, Rev. Sidney Crawford, finds encouragement in the increasing number of young men attending services. Rev. G. H. Ewing, *Farmouth*, with the aid of summer residents, started a Young People's Meeting which maintains itself with numbers unabated now that outside help has been removed. A similar company convenes in the *Hyannis* church, under the name of Young People's Christian Association. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Harris, is planning a men's class in modern Biblical criticism. The *Cotuit* Sunday school is growing. A cradle roll has been started, and also a teacher-training class. Men are rallying to the support of the evening service at *Wellsfleet* as not before for many years.

Two churches report the organization of home departments in their Sunday schools—*Nantucket* with fifty members and *Sandwich* with twenty. The church in the latter town is happily united in its new pastor, Rev. G. H. Credeford. He is to preach a series of sixteen sermons on the Epistle to the Romans, and Sunday afternoon vesper serv-

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Union Church, *North Truro*, the smallest in the conference, and smallest save one in the state, with only five members, one of them absent, reports a Sunday school of seventy. During the year the Primrose Club of young ladies has given thirty dollars to mission work.

On the material side, *Nantucket* is raising \$2,500 for a new organ. *North Falmouth* has spent \$600 in improvements, and *Falmouth* has raised money for the same purpose. The *Centerville* meeting house has been painted and an individual communion set has been purchased. A similar set is soon to be secured by the church in *Chatham*. Several Cape Cod Sunday Schools are adorning their walls with up-to-date maps which promise up-to-date ideals in Bible study.

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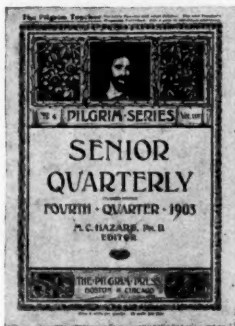


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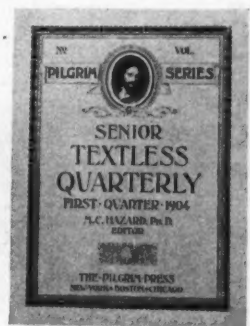
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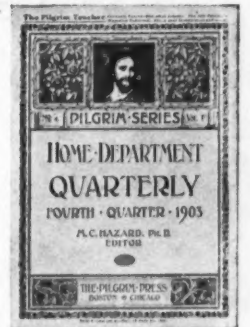
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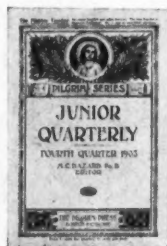


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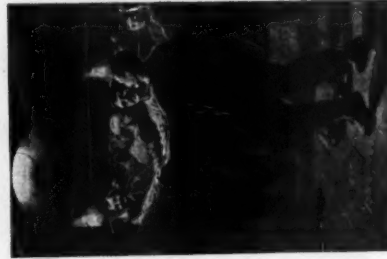
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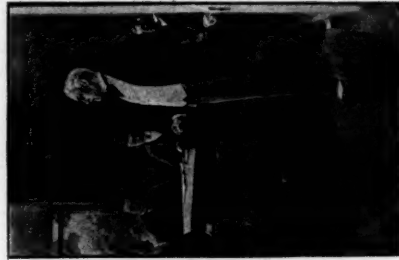
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## The Business and Financial Outlook

The general business situation continues unsettled. It is not yet determined how much of the diminution in business activity is attributable to the natural reaction following a period of intense activity such as has been witnessed during the past few years, which reaction may be the beginning of a period of depression; and how much is due to conservatism and fear for the future brought about by the slump in the stock market. Underlying conditions undoubtedly are sound. Whatever may prove true in the case of mercantile and manufacturing business, there can be no question that the agricultural population is facing a period of marked prosperity. The crops this year have been generous, and they are bringing good prices. Cotton made a light crop, but as the product is selling three cents a pound above the price of a year ago, the money value of the crop has increased.

This country is a heavy exporter of agricultural products whenever the crops are good. Any hindrance to the export movement hurts general business, as it tends to bring the balance of trade against this country. On the other hand, any increase in our exportations is of direct benefit. It is interesting, therefore, to note that the exportation of our products promises to be very heavy from now on. Corn and wheat are beginning to move in volume, having been delayed by the lateness of the crops. The movement of cotton is of great importance. During October, according to official Government figures, 594,540,872 pounds of cotton were exported, the aggregate value being \$60,283,412, or a little over ten cents per pound. These exports of cotton compare with \$42,000,000 value in October, 1902, \$46,000,000 in October, 1901, and \$60,474,437 in October, 1900.

The figures for November will be extremely heavy, as cotton has been going forward in large volume. Foreign consumers waited as long as possible before buying cotton, as they believed that the high prices were largely artificial. They seem convinced now that prices will not be materially lower, and are buying heavily. Domestic consumers, on the contrary, are holding off, and are buying only

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from hand to mouth. This policy is necessary because manufacturers cannot produce cotton cloth at a profit with cotton at present prices, and an advance in cotton goods now is out of the question. Reduction of wages such as has been enforced at Fall River will help to some extent, but it leaves only a small margin.

The United States Steel Corporation is carrying on a vigorous campaign of invasion of foreign markets now that it has a surplus product to sell. For several years the United States has imported more iron and steel than it has exported. This is to be changed. The official returns of our foreign trade for the ten months to Oct. 31, 1903, show a balance of trade of \$308,964,053 in favor of the United States. This is \$10,000,000 above the figure for the corresponding months of 1902, but is considerably below the figures for 1900 and 1901. The most important feature is that the turn seems to have come, as for some time past exports have been increasing and imports have been decreasing.

There is excellent reason to believe that the debt of this country to Europe is much less than usual. Europe has been selling our securities, and this country has been returning money borrowed abroad, so that the heavy balance of trade in our favor will not have to be devoted to settling past obligations.

Business houses throughout the West and the South report a good volume of business, with collections fully as easy as usual at this season. Depression has not reached these sections. In the East, particularly at the financial centres, there has been a noticeable decrease in the volume of business.

Railroad earnings in every section of the country continue at a high level. Owing to increased cost of operation, many railroad companies report decreased earnings for dividends. Such decreases in most cases are small, and by no means sufficient to cause any doubt of the ability of the companies to maintain present dividend rates.

Much of the improvement work which was temporarily suspended owing to money market conditions will be resumed. During the past month announcements have been made of the issue of a large volume of new securities by railroad companies, the proceeds of which will be used chiefly for improvement work. The issue of these new securities has had a discouraging effect upon the stock market, as it has taken all the available funds, which otherwise might have been used for stock market speculation. From the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number, however, this is favorable rather than otherwise. The industries of the country need the money more than does the stock market.

## Woman's Board Friday Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 27

Mrs. Austin Phelps presided and among those who came were many, representing different branches, whom Thanksgiving had brought to Boston and vicinity. The One Hundred and Third Psalm was read and the service took on the Thanksgiving flavor. During the last month many thank-offering meetings have been held. The season is observed by the missionaries on the field, and the day is made to seem as much as possible like the home holiday. The devices for doing this were illustrated by Mrs. Bliss, who told of the day in Micronesia when they fastened the contents of a can of boneless turkey to the frame of a chicken to make believe they were enjoying a genuine turkey dinner.

## The Church Prayer Meeting

Topic, Dec. 6-12. The Prosperous Wicked; The Unfortunate Righteous. Ps. 37: 35-40; 1 Peter 1: 3-9.

Is the prosperity of the one and the adversity of the other apparent or real? Final adjustments.

[See editorial page.]

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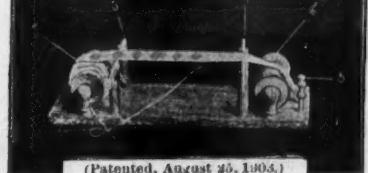
"I suffered from catarrh for 15 years. It would be worse at certain seasons than others, but never failed to annoy me and cause me more or less misery during that period. About a year ago I got so bad that I thought of abandoning my practice. I was a nuisance to myself and all who came near me. My condition was very humiliating and especially so in the court room. I had tried, I thought, every known remedy; all kinds of balms, ointments, inhalers, sprays, etc., till I thought I had completed the list. I was finally told of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets by a friend who took pity on me and, as a drowning man will catch at a straw, I got some and began taking them. I began to improve from the first day and I kept up the good work you may rest assured. In six weeks I was as free from catarrh as the day I was born, but to make assurance doubly sure, I continued the treatment for six weeks longer.

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## For Endeavorers

PRAYER MEETING

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN

Topic, Dec. 13-19. An Anti-Worry Meeting. John 14: 1-31.

Worry is sometimes looked upon as a distinctively modern vice; but I doubt whether any careful observer, as he watched the multitudes on the streets of Corinth or Ephesus nineteen hundred years ago, would have seen relatively fewer persons with the look of worry on their faces than one would note on the streets of London or New York today. The fact that the Bible abounds in so many admonitions against worrying shows that it has been a habit of centuries. Wherever and whenever men, realizing their own limitations, their temptations and obstacles, lose a vivid sense of the being and character of Almighty God, worry begins to eat like a canker into their hearts.

And it is interesting to see how all through the centuries expedients have been devised to conquer this arch enemy of mankind. Proverbs gather up into impressive phrases human experience, and in such mottoes as, "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you," and "Don't cross the bridge till you come to it," we see the efforts of men to shield themselves against the inroads of fret and care. In our own time anti-worry societies have arisen and secured a good many members. Personally, I think that if I belonged to one I should worry more than I do now. I should worry lest I might be not living up to the constitution of the organization. And when a man begins to worry because he worries he is in a bad plight.

Can we not lay hold of something that will be more than a mere device, something that will serve us when we wake up at two o'clock in the morning and think of the mistakes of yesterday and of the trials of the coming day, something that will be worth more than a mere aphorism, something that goes down to the root of human need and weakness and longing?

I find this solace and this secret in Christianity. I believe that Christians, that is, real Christians, worry less than persons of no faith. It stands to reason that they ought to be more serene. What are our main sources of worry? First, regret over past misdeeds and shortcomings; second, forebodings touching the future. If we could get rid of regret and of fear we should be rid of worry. Now our religion comes forward at this juncture with its two great cardinal doctrines. Touching the past it says, The power that rules this universe is a forgiving power. If with all our hearts we renounce our sins and confess

them and cast ourselves upon the mercy of God, then our responsibility for them has ceased. Like men we will bear the consequences, if unfortunate consequences there be. Like men we will seek in every way in our power to atone for the harm which our sin may have wrought upon other lives. But as Christians we will believe that the guilt, the shame and the folly of those transgressions are somehow cared for, atoned for by the infinite love of God manifested to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And, as respects the future, O what folly it is to lie awake of nights or to consume golden moments of the day in worry about it! How perfectly useless it is, as if we could make one hair white or black! How wasteful of nervous force and physical energy that might be applied to averting the ills which we dread! There is a divine movement in life. God wants to order all our ways. We have simply to do the duty of the next moment, to plan our lives as wisely as we can, but to leave large margins in all our planning for the will of God to work itself out in our behalf. Jesus goes to the root of the matter. The antidote to trouble, says he, is belief in God and in me. Put the time and thought you give now to worry into enlarging, clarifying and making more personal your belief in God and Jesus Christ, and worry will never darken your doors again. The great German theologian, Harnack, in the midst of his virile presentation of Christianity on its intellectual side, often drops sentences of great practical value to everyday Christians; and here are two: "Care is to Jesus an outrage on God, who preserves the very sparrows on the housetops." "How much we could accomplish, how strong we should be if we did not fret!"

## Four Decades in Fall River

A celebration the like of which Fall River, Mass., has never seen was held, Nov. 20, in the vestry of First Church in honor of Dr. William W. Adams, who has just passed the fortieth milestone in his ministry here. Not only was there never a Fall River pastorate of equal duration, but there is no Congregational pastorate in Massachusetts of equal length except that of Dr. Edmund Dowse, the venerable chaplain of the Massachusetts Senate, who has ministered to the Sherborn church sixty-five years. Only six other men now in the active Congregational pastorate in this state were ordained before 1860, when Dr. Adams was set apart to the calling which he is still able to prosecute so vigorously. These are Dr. Lyman Whiting of Charlestown, Dr. Leonard W. Bacon of Assonet, Rev. M. S. Howard of Wilbraham, Dr. A. H. Plumb of Boston, Rev. G. E. Freeman of Marshfield Hills and Dr. J. R. Thurston of Whitinsville.

Dr. Adams is a graduate of Williams College and Union Seminary, and has for many years been a trustee of Williams. Under his leadership his church has been one of the strongest supporters of the various benevolent enterprises of Congregationalism outside the largest cities.

Attendants on the reception tendered Dr. Adams included not only his own people but invited guests from all the local Congregational churches and from the principal churches of other denominations. Among the guests were Judges Morton and Braley of the Supreme Court, Chairman Jackson of the Railroad Commission, Councilor Slade, Principal Pope of the high school, President Jennings and Secretary Fellows of the Y. M. C. A. and Dr. Leonard W. Bacon of Assonet.

The after-dinner speakers were Hon. John S. Brayton, ex-Congressman Robert T. Davis, Dr. W. F. Martin, Dr. C. F. Swift, Rev. P. W. Lyman and Dr. J. H. Gifford. Each in different vein commended the character and work of the able and scholarly pastor who has so long fulfilled the various offices of religious teacher and leader in this city.

The exercises closed with a few felicitous and tender words by Dr. Adams. After most of the audience had retired, he was presented with a check for \$1,000—the gift of his people. In the course of the speaking it was amply recognized, by no one so fully as by Dr. Adams, that the church is entitled to a liberal share in the credit of this long and still continuing pastorate. P. W. L.

## WHAT SULPHUR DOES

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The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

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## The Alabama Convention

The eleventh meeting of the Alabama Convention was held at Tallahassee, Nov. 10, 11. Ten district conferences were represented. Rev. Turner Wright was moderator.

Rev. A. S. Burrill, late of Conway, N. H., now pastor of Pilgrim Church, our new enterprise in Birmingham, contributed much to the success of the meeting. He preached the convention sermon on The Reception of the Spirit the Condition of Seeing and Hearing what would otherwise be impossible. On the last evening he urged more earnest effort for evangelizing the world. Starting with an apt illustration from the falls in the mighty Tallapoosa, sounding near by, he showed how Congregational churches, in co-operation with others, were promoting the result of John's vision—a redeemed world.

Other addresses contributed to the high water mark. Rev. W. O. Self pointed out The Importance of Better Business Methods and Better Personal Service in our Churches. The witty and Scriptural Rev. W. D. White gave as the secret of Christ's power the testimony from heaven, "This is my Beloved Son," and the secret of the believer's power must be such a knowledge of God that the same can be testified of him. Rev. W. H. Newton, general missionary, massed a large variety of details to show Special Needs in Alabama Work.

The committee on Ecclesiastical Relations reported that "It is inexpedient to unite with the Florida and Southeastern Association at the present time," and recommended that, "owing to the isolation of West Florida in the work of that State, this body invite Florida Western, Shoal River and Pensacola District Conferences to unite with the Alabama Convention." Both propositions were adopted without dissent, as was also a strong resolution in favor of union with the Methodist Protestants, "especially in educational and missionary effort." A committee of three was chosen to visit the approaching Methodist Protestant annual conference to promote the end proposed.

South Calera was chosen as the next place of meeting. A. T. C.


## A Professorship of Throng-Catching

The Essex (Mass.) Congregational Club at its last meeting discussed the question, Whether striking methods of attracting the attention of non-churchgoers and securing their attendance are to be encouraged? In this staid and unsensational region, the prevailing opinion seemed to be that we could no longer afford to rely solely on the "means of grace" to gain audiences, but must use all "the arts of men" which commend themselves to a Christian conscience, and so draw neglecters within the hearing of the gospel message.

Some of our brethren succeed in filling their churches on Sundays by taking advertisements and then give the snared congregation wholesome preaching on simple, plain subjects. Others are

perplexed as to how to exercise the wisdom of the serpent in happy agreement with the harmlessness of the dove. So these must be content with the regular churchgoers, while the masses care not for their words.

Our theological schools may yet have to inaugurate a Professorship of Throng-Catching. Such a teacher would be sure, for a while, of large and eager classes, though his influence would wane so soon as the indifferent multitude suspected that they were being practiced upon. After all, is there anything that attracts like the warm, intense, devoted, diligent, intelligent personality of the preacher? The club thought not. LUKE.



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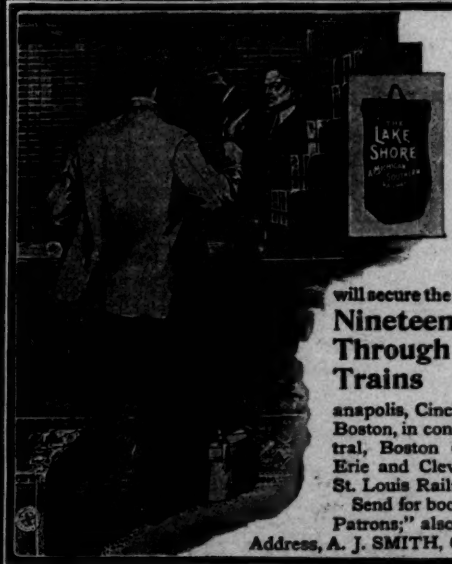
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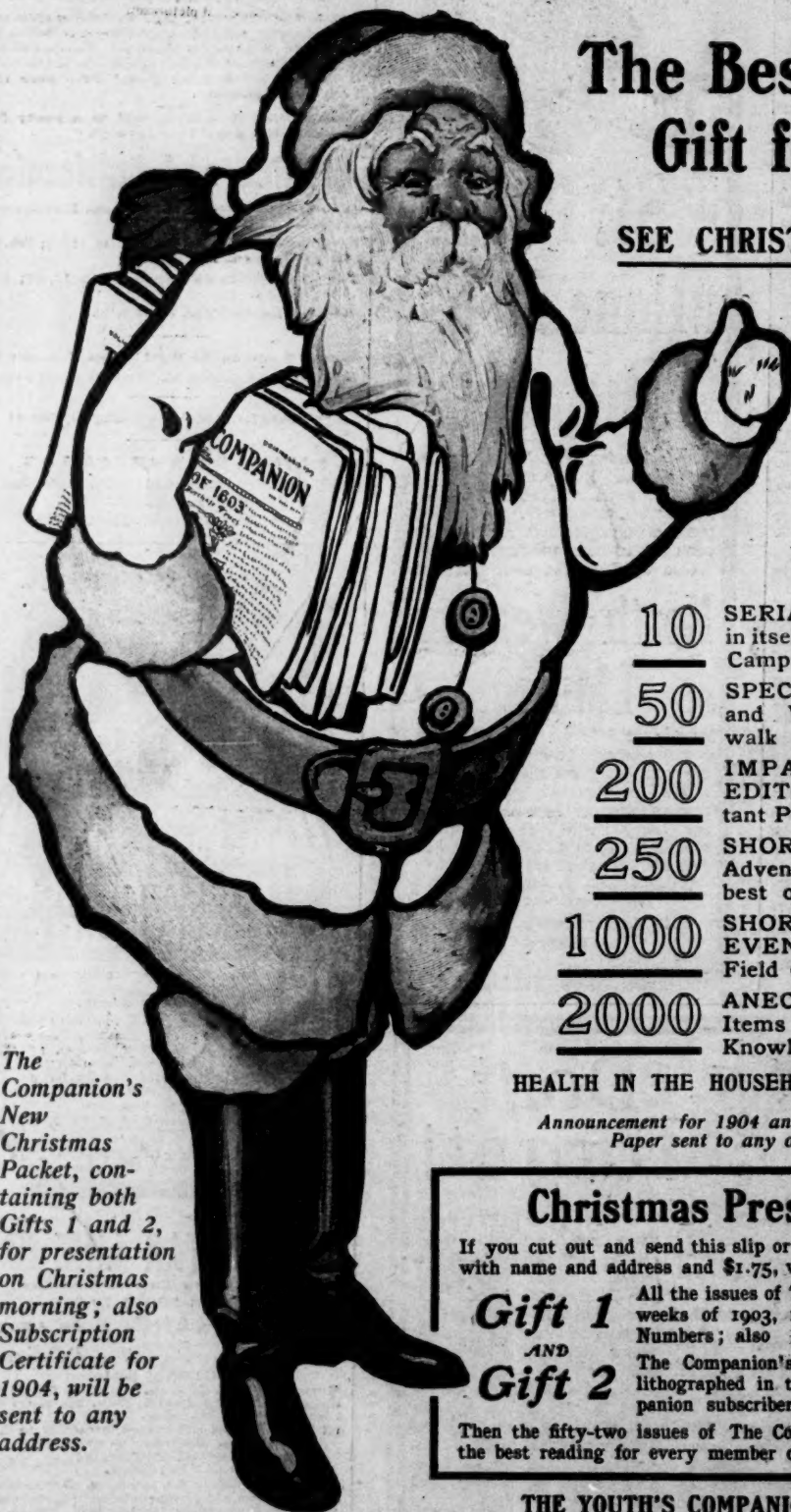
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